

## **2012 Proposed Actions for Charter Amendments Removed from Final Resolution**

Deferred Amendment	Proposed Action
1. Requirement for ordinance providing remedies for violations of Citizens' Bill of Rights.	This will be covered by the ordinance adopted pursuant to recommended question 9, if adopted. The ordinance can specifically address citizen's bill of rights violations in addition to other violations.
2. Statement that the town government shall function as a representative democracy.	This is implicit in the overall language of the charter. Council suggested that language be featured on the town's website to explain the concept of representative democracy and how the town is governed.
3. Amendment to provide that the mayor or a councilmember appointed by the mayor shall be the official designated to represent the town in all dealings with other governmental entities.	This is implicit in the mayor's powers. The council may also adopt an ordinance to provide specifically for how the mayor is to make such designation.
4. Amendment to provide that upon the simultaneous absence or incapacity of both the mayor and vice-mayor, the councilmember with the longest cumulative council service period shall perform the duties of the mayor until the vacancy can be filled by appointment of the council.	The Town Council adopted an ordinance on January 16, 2013 implementing this proposed amendment.
5. Amendment to clarify that councilmembers are elected at large, and shall serve the entire town equally and impartially.	This is implicit in the existing charter language and will also be featured on the town's website.
6. Amendment to provide that no changes to the term limits specified in the charter shall apply to persons holding office at the time that such changes are adopted.	The council chose not to adopt an amendment that would have exempted existing members from term limit changes.
7. Amendment providing that following publication of each national decennial census, the town council shall review the census results and shall consider appointing a redistricting commission. If the council appoints a redistricting commission, the commission shall	The council chose not to include this language which merely permits, but does not require the council to appoint a redistricting committee. The council already possesses such authority.

examine the census data and may recommend changes to boundaries of council districts due to changes in population, demographics and characteristics of the town and its council districts.	
8. Amendment providing that the mayor, vice-mayor or any councilmember shall forfeit his/her office if, at any time during his or her council term, he or she is convicted of a crime involving dishonesty or sexual misconduct, or intentionally commits any illegal act, as determined by a court of law.	The council observed that existing state law, under which the governor removes municipal officials who are arrested or indicted, goes further than the proposed amendment.
9. Amendment providing that upon election of a new mayor following the vice-mayor's filling of a vacancy in the position of mayor, the vice-mayor shall complete the balance of the vice-mayoral term upon election of a new mayor. If the vice-mayor who acted as mayor resigned as vice-mayor to run for mayor, he or she cannot remain vice-mayor upon election of the new mayor.	The council chose not to proceed with this change.
10. Amendment providing that if an elected vice-mayor or councilmember returns to his or her office following a vacancy during which time another person was appointed to the office, he or she will automatically resume the duties of his or her office for the remainder of his or her elected term, and the appointment of the person to fill the vacancy shall be rescinded.	This proposed amendment was rendered moot when the council deleted item 9 above.
11. Amendment providing that the term, conditions, method of evaluation, and compensation of the town manager shall be established by resolution of the town council.	The council may address the terms and conditions of the manager's retention by resolution or ordinance.
12. Amendment providing that the town clerk shall certify public records in	The council noted that this could be accomplished by placing appropriate

accordance with Florida law, shall serve councilmembers impartially and strive to meet their individual needs, and distribute a copy of the applicable Florida law which limits political activities of state, county and municipal officers and employees, to councilmembers following the qualifying period for each election.	language in the town clerk's job description.
13. Amendment providing that members of boards, agencies and committees shall not give directions to the town clerk, town manager or town attorney or their employees.	The Town Council adopted an ordinance on January 16, 2013 implementing this proposed amendment.
14. Amendment to require the town to create and maintain a public workstation for citizens to access town records which are subject to public records disclosure.	This may be accomplished by resolution or ordinance.
15. Amendment to provide that the town council shall endeavor to adopt and implement policies to protect natural resources, including but not limited to wetlands within the town, and encourage others to do the same, and that the town shall be mindful of its role in the global community and as a steward of the earth, and act accordingly.	This may be addressed by resolution or ordinance and can be featured on the town's website.
16. Amendment to provide that the council and any of its individual members shall deal with town employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the town clerk solely through the town clerk, and that recommendations for improvements for the clerk's office by individual council members be made solely to and through the town clerk.	This can be addressed by ordinance.
17. Amendment extending the time limit for filing of initiative and referendum petitions to 90 days, rather than 60 days, of the date a proper affidavit is filed which commences the initiative or referendum procedure.	The town council decided not to change this provision.

18. Amendment to specify that a charter revision commission shall be appointed by the town council on or before the last day of August of every sixth year after December 2011.	The council determined that this goal could be accomplished by providing for the same in the resolution appointing the charter commission.
19. Amendment to require a charter revision commission to commence its proceedings within 30 days after its appointment by the town council, and to submit recommendations for amendments to the charter to the town council no earlier than November 1 of the year appointed, or no later than March 1st of the year following its appointment.	The council determined that this goal could be accomplished by providing for the same in the resolution appointing the charter commission.