



Minutes – Charter Review Advisory Committee
CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2026
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING – 5:00 P.M.

Present: Corey Langford, Chair
Ryan Scray, Vice Chair
Thomas Tucker
David Switzer – *[arrived 5.09pm]*
Chris Lightfoot, Interim City Manager
Amy Myers, City Attorney

Apologies: James Marler

Item #1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5.01pm and the Interim City Manager called Roll.

Motion by Mr. Scray to excuse Marler
Second to the Motion: Mr. Tucker

On Vote:

All in favor

Motion passed: 3-0

Item #2. Additions, Deletions, Modifications of Agenda

The Chair called for any Additions, Deletions, Modifications of the Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Scray to add an item 4.A. to review citizens rights guarantee.
Second to the Motion: Mr. Tucker

On Vote:

All in favor 3/0

Item #3. Approval of minutes of 12/10/25

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12/10/25.

Motion by Mr. Tucker to approve the minutes of 12/10/05.
Second to the Motion: Mr. Scray

On Vote:

All in favor

Motion passed: 3-0

Item #4. Review Article I Sec. 6 - 7

The committee considered and updated Article I Sec. 6 up to Section 6B.3.

Motion by Mr. Scray to table the rest of Sec. 6 till the next meeting.
Second to the Motion: Mr. Switzer

On Vote:

All in favor

Motion passed: 4-0

Public Comments: None.

Mayor

Commissioners Sam Peebles | Pat Perno | Jamie Warrick | Judy Tinder

Interim City Manager Chris Lightfoot
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Item #4. Review Citizens Rights Guarantee

Motion by Mr. Scray to table Item 4.A. to the next meeting.
Second to the Motion: Mr. Tucker

On Vote:

All in favor

Motion passed: 4/0

Public Comments: None.

General discussion ensued:

Mr. Scray asked Interim City Manager for his views on what has been discussed thus far.

Mr. Lightfoot explained if this non-Ad Valorem didn't pass, what would we do, put the same amount to fund the entire department back on the water bills? Otherwise, we tell 12 employees they no longer work here, move the stormwater equipment to other departments or sell it, and shut down the stormwater department. Non ad valorem seems to be a good idea for something like parks and grounds, but something like funding entire departments like stormwater or fire needs a different process.

Mr. Scray said that this all says new, and asked Mrs. Myers if technically wouldn't Lynn Haven storm water be exempt from this? Mrs. Myers advised that every year the storm water assessment is considered new under the law. Mr. Scray – when would it become subject to a voter referendum? Mrs. Myers – they just adopted a new methodology this year which by their intention they plan to hold in place for 5 years. That means that before the end of those 5 years they must come up with a new plan that to implement it without a gap would have to get before the voters and that may be inside or outside of an election cycle.

Mr. Scray asked about whether the current 5-year stormwater assessment would be excluded from the new charter.

Mr. Lightfoot – A smart commission get a bond for stormwater then the stormwater assessment couldn't go away. City Attorney - bonding funding is the way to prevent the legislature from doing away with funding stream. The city would have an obligation to continue collecting assessments to pay off the bond.

Mr. Lightfoot – Would recommend the commission get a \$15m bond to complete the work for stormwater and pay it off over 20 years.

Mr. Lightfoot – the assessment fees are not funding projects. They are funding the staff etc.

Mr. Langford – you can go take out a bond for 30 years if you want, but there is no institution that will give you funding if the voters vote it down.

Mr. Lightfoot – we haven't had a rain event call out in a year.

Mr. Scray – would like to continue discussing it at the next meeting and would like some guidelines put into the charter for this anyway.

Item #5. Public Commentary

There were no public in attendance.

Item #6. Next Meeting

Mr. Lightfoot explained the change in the commission meeting dates.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting will be set for January 21st at 5pm.

Mayor

Commissioners Sam Peebles | Pat Perno | Jamie Warrick | Judy Tinder

**Interim City Manager Chris Lightfoot
City Attorney Amy Myers**

Item #7. Adjourn.

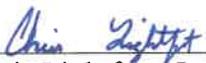
There being no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7.08P.M.

APPROVED THIS 21 DAY OF January 2026.



Corey Langford, Chairman

ATTEST:



Chris Lightfoot, Interim City Manager

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