

**CITY CHARTER AND DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

A regular meeting of the City Charter and District Boundary Review Committee of the City of Key West, Florida was held in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

Madam Chair Virginia Panico called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Answering roll call were Perry Johnston, Clark Knight, Bill Lilley, Tom Milone, Philip Schaeffer and Madam Chair Virginia Panico.

Committee Member Robert Harvey was absent.

Also present were City Attorney Shawn Smith, City Planner Don Craig, Senior Deputy City Clerk Sue Harrison and Deputy City Clerk Angela Budde.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by all present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Milone and seconded by Mr. Schaeffer to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 2012**

Mr. Milone recollected the word "annexation" was used in the title of Section 1.08 at the December 8, 2011 meeting instead of the word acquisition. The Clerk advised she would research and report her findings to him and make the change if necessary.

It was moved by Mr. Milone and seconded by Mr. Schaeffer to postpone the minutes to the April 26, 2012 meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the motion and second and asked for verbal approval. There was no objection.

## **JANUARY 26, 2012**

Mr. Milone requested to have Commissioner Weekley's suggestion added to the minutes in regards to if there are only two candidates for an office, that election would be held at the November general election and if there are more than two candidates then the election would be held at the Primary election in August with any run-off if needed being held in November during the general election. The Clerk advised she would research his request and update the minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Milone and seconded by Mr. Schaeffer to postpone the minutes to the April 26, 2012 meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the motion and second and asked for verbal approval. There was no objection.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAPS**

Madam Chair Panico read the title of the item and she recognized Commissioners Clayton Lopez and Jimmy Weekley in the audience.

Mr. Schaeffer introduced the item and stated as a result of the 2010 Census the City is required to adjust the district boundaries to reflect the one man-one vote equal sized districts. He mentioned there are ways to achieve a readjustment of district boundaries and mentioned an option to change the district make-up and the make-up of the City Commission would be to move to a four-member, single-member district with two seats at large and the Mayor at large (the 4-2-1 model - 7 member Commission). A discussion among the members with staff ensued.

The Committee discussed the special workshop meeting to be held on March 22 where the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the various options associated with the District Maps.

City Planner Don Craig discussed the discovery of an error in the maps as it related to the population residing in the houseboats at Garrison Bight Marina. He explained when staff compared that particular population to the existing District map found on the City's Webpage, the population is incorrectly listed as part of District 1. The City Planner and Staff corrected the problem when they determined the population is actually part of District 2.

The City Planner further explained the U.S. Census had listed Key West with a population size of 24,656. He explained in order to divide up the voting population, staff had taken 24,656 and divided that by 6 (the number of districts) and the result was 4,109 that would be distributed equally among the districts. The City Planner explained Districts 1 and 6 would gain population, Districts 2 and 3 would lose population and Districts 4 and 5 would fluctuate up or down 50 people from their current count. Each of the three options showed different approaches to equalizing the population to make as close to the same number throughout all 6 Districts. The City Planner emphasized the three options met the requirements of preserving the minority population in District 6.

Madam Chair Panico requested the City Planner to have the maps and options available on Channel 77.

City Planner Craig advised he would have the redistricting maps available at the Clerk's Office, Monroe County Library and to have the maps published on Channel 77 with a summary attached to assist in explaining the scenarios.

Madam Chair Panico made a request to have the press at the March 22 workshop.

The City Attorney offered to notify the Public Information Officer Alyson Crean of the workshop.

Mr. Johnston wanted a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) option added to the proposed voting districts which was to have six (6) Single Member Districts with voting at large and the Mayor at large.

It was moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Knight for discussion to approve the additional option in concept.

Madam Chair acknowledged the motion and second and requested the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Committee Members Johnston, Knight, Lilley, Milone, Schaeffer and Madam Chair Panico

Nay: None

The motion passed.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Mark Songer, 1310 Newton Street  
Tom Lavender, 3930 S. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Commissioner Clayton Lopez  
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley  
Margaret Romero, 1615 Washington Street  
Scott Fraser, 726 Poorhouse Lane

It was moved by Mr. Milone and seconded by Mr. Knight to postpone the Action Item until April 26, 2012.

Madam Chair Panico acknowledged the motion and second and requested the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Committee Members Johnston, Knight, Lilley, Milone, Schaeffer and Madam Chair Panico

Nay: None

The Action item was postponed to April 26, 2012.

**RESCIND THE INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION ITEM NO. 3 OF THE JANUARY 12, 2012 MEETING OF THE CHARTER AND DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE. RECEIVE AND FILE THE ITEM (UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROVISION THE CITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE SOLID WASTE, SEWER AND STORMWATER SERVICES TO UNBRIDGED OFFSHORE ISLANDS (PROPERTIES SEPARATED BY A WATERCOURSE) WHICH ARE NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES IN CITY CHARTER SECTION 2.01).**

It was moved by Mr. Milone and seconded by Mr. Lilley to postpone the Action Item until April 26, 2012 meeting.

Madam Chair Panico acknowledged the motion and second and requested the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Committee Members Johnston, Knight, Lilley, Milone, Schaeffer and Madam Chair Panico

Nay: None

The Action item was postponed to April 26, 2012.

**UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PROVISION, THE CITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE SOLID WASTE, SEWER AND STORMWATER SERVICES TO UNBRIDGED OFFSHORE ISLANDS (PROPERTIES SEPARATED BY A WATERCOURSE) WHICH ARE NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES AS DESCRIBED IN CITY CHARTER SECTION 2.01, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE AFFIRMATION VOTE OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION.**

It was moved by Mr. Milone and seconded by Mr. Lilley to postpone the Action Item until April 26, 2012.

Madam Chair Panico acknowledged the motion and second and requested verbal approval.

The response was unanimous to postpone the item to April 26, 2012.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE WORKSHOP ON MARCH 22**

Madam Chair read the title of the item and Mr. Lilley asked if the workshop would be televised on Channel 77. The Clerk commented she would ask the City Manager if he would consider televising the Workshop meeting.

The following people spoke on the matter:

City Planner Craig  
City Attorney Smith

Mr. Schaeffer requested staff to create an outline regarding the structure of the Commission and the way the City elects the candidates for handing out at the Workshop to assist the Community in understanding the intent of the Workshop.

Mr. Johnston requested staff to provide index cards with the 4 voting options on it along with an area to write comments on for the audience members. The idea was to have generalized feedback from the community and the cards would be turned into staff at the conclusion of the Workshop.

City Planner Craig explained he would provide the cards.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None


**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

None

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SET FOR MARCH 22, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Angela Budde  
Deputy City Clerk