

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 2022-34

Held on Monday, the 28th day of November 2022, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	Rob Medina	Present
DEPUTY MAYOR:	Donny Felix	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Kenny Johnson	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Randy Foster	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Peter Filiberto	Present
CITY MANAGER:	Suzanne Sherman	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
CITY CLERK:	Terese Jones	Present

BUSINESS:

1. Certification of the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022.

The City Clerk read the names of the candidates, and the referendum items, and the votes received for each. The results were as follows:

CITY COUNCIL SEAT 4

Kenny Johnson	21,050 votes
Nathan White	17,461 votes

CITY COUNCIL SEAT 5

Peter Filiberto	Unopposed
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**CHARTER AMENDMENT GOVERNING COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Shall section 3.03 of the City of Palm Bay Charter be amended to provide that the salary for the office of Mayor be increased from 20 cents per capita to 25 cents per capita, and the salary for the office of City Councilmember be increased from 10 cents per capita to 20 cents per capita, effective November 9, 2022?

11,618 Yes

27,817 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CURRENT AND
FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS BY CITY**

Shall section 3.053 of the City of Palm Bay Charter be amended to provide that neither current nor former elected city officials, nor their familial relatives, may hold compensated appointed city office or employment for two (2) years after the expiration of the term for which they were elected?

30,002 Yes

8,589 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT GOVERNING THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES
ON THE CITY COUNCIL**

Shall section 3.062 of the City of Palm Bay Charter be amended to provide that in the event of a vacancy on the City Council, a majority of the remaining City Councilmembers shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next general election, and that if the City Council fails to make an appointment within 60 days, a special election shall be called for the purpose of filling the vacancy?

23,977 Yes

14,294 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT GOVERNING THE CITY COUNCIL'S REGULAR MEETING
SECHEDULE**

Shall section 3.081 of the City of Palm Bay Charter be amended to provide that beginning January 2023, the City Council shall hold regular City Council meetings at least twice each month, except for in the month of June?

30,745 Yes

7,333 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT GOVERNING PROCESS TO ADOPT OR REPEAL
ORDINANCES BY CITIZEN'S PETITION**

Shall section 3.092 of the City of Palm Bay charter be amended to increase the required number of electors who must sign a petition to propose or repeal City ordinances from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%)?

21,074 Yes

17,156 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO PRONOUNS USED TO REFER TO CITY
MANAGER**

Section 4.011 of the City of Palm Bay Charter currently uses only masculine pronouns to refer to the City Manager. Shall section 4.011 of the Charter be amended to include both feminine and masculine pronouns in reference to the City Manager?

23,405 Yes

15,134 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO DETERMINING WINNER OF
COUNCILMEMBER ELECTION IN THE EVENT OF A TIE**

Shall section 5.041 of the City of Palm Bay Charter be amended to state that in the event of a tie vote in a regular or special election for the office of City Councilmember, a runoff election will be held to determine the successful candidate?

34,819 Yes

3,679 No

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO LIMITATIONS ON CITY'S ABILITY TO
INCREASE AD VALOREM TAXES**

Shall section 6.01 of the City of Palm Bay Charter be amended to delete provisions which currently prohibit the City Council from levying ad valorem taxes in a given year at a millage rate which causes the budgeted revenues therefrom to increase over the budgeted ad valorem revenue for the previous fiscal year by more than three percent (3%) unless a supermajority of the City Council finds that an emergency or critical need exists?

13,414 Yes

24,831 No

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Felix, to certify the election results of the general municipal election held on November 8, 2022. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Felix, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

2. Administering the Oath of Office to the officials for City Council Seats 4 and 5.

Bishop Merton Clark administered the oath of office for City Council Seat 4 to Kenny Johnson. Mr. Johnson gave his incoming speech.

Former Mayor Frank Filiberto administered the oath of office for City Council Seat 5 to Peter Filiberto. Mr. Filiberto gave his incoming speech.

Mayor Medina presented Councilmembers Johnson and Filiberto with Certificates of Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:28 P.M.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, CITY CLERK