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Committee/Board/s	TOWN COUNCIL STUDY COMMITTEE
Day, Date, and Time	WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024, at 3:00PM until 5:00PM
Location / Address	MEETING TRAILER AT 131 PLEASANT STREET (Room A) AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM
Signature of Chair or Authorized Person	**Joe Grause**
WARNING:	**IF THERE IS NO QUORUM OF MEMBERS PRESENT, OR IF MEETING POSTING IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OML STATUTE, NO MEETING MAY BE HELD!**

AGENDA

Please list below the topics the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting

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Meeting ID: 817 3433 4657
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I. Call to Order

II. Acceptance of Agenda

III. The Town Council Study Committee Meeting is being recorded.

IV. Review and Approval of minutes of 8/7/24, 8/21/24 and 9/4/24

V. Discussion of format and content for Public Forums on October 5 and 10

   a. Agenda/Meeting Outline
   b. Discussion Topics
   c. Speakers
   d. Preparation: What questions will we need to answer?

VI. Discussion of Administrative Functions - Section 5 of Draft Charter

VII. Discussion of pros/cons of when to submit TCSC final Article

VIII. Public Comment/Questions

IX. Adjournment

Town Council Study Committee Meeting Minutes Date: August 7, 2024
Location: Hybrid (In-person and via Zoom)
Chair: Joe Grause

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Joe ~~Grous~~Grause.

II. Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

- ~~Participation by the public is required using full names.~~
- ~~The Town reserves the right to remove participants who do not comply or act inappropriately.~~
- ~~Attendees are encouraged to use the "raise hand" feature if they wish to speak.~~Meeting was conducted under Hybrid Meeting Guidelines with members participating in person and via Zoom

III. Attendance Confirmation
Members present:

- Caroline Baltzer
- Curtis Barnes
- Jeff Carlson
- Beau Barber
- Joe Grause
- Jill Vieth
- Tom Dixon
- Donna Martino

Staff members present: Anthony Willson and Patricia Lloyd from the Colin Center.

IV. Opening Remarks
Chair Joe Grause explained that the meeting is being conducted under Massachusetts public meeting laws, allowing public comment and participation.

V. Agenda Review

- The agenda was accepted unanimously after a motion by Curtis Barnes and a second by Caroline Baltzer.

VI. Invitation to Mr. Lewis ~~Krampton~~Crampton
Joe welcomed Mr. Lewis ~~Krampton~~Crampton, Vice Chair of the Palm Beach Town Council, to discuss how the Palm Beach Town Council operates~~town operations~~. Mr. ~~Krampton~~ Crampton spoke for approximately 15 minutes about the following points:

- **Palm Beach Overview:** Mentioned the permanent population (10,000) and seasonal expansion (35,000).
- **Council Structure:** Described a "weak" mayor system where the mayor does not vote on council issues and serves a ceremonial role.
- **Town Manager:** Discussed the role of a strong Town Manager who oversees town operations with council approval.
- **District Representation:** Town divided into five districts, elections held at-large every two years.
- **Budget Overview:** Town operates with a budget exceeding $100 million, emphasizing the importance of managing personnel costs and maintaining fiscal health.
- **Recent Issues:** Challenges regarding zoning reforms and development pressures as wealthier residents seek large properties.

VII. Questions for Mr. ~~Krampton~~Crampton
Questions were raised about:

- Finance Committee's role in budget preparation and oversight.
- Civic and residents' associations being well-coordinated.

Mr. ~~Krampton~~ Crampton emphasized the importance of engagement with the community to address concerns.

VIII. Review of Meeting Minutes
The minutes from the previous meeting, held on July 24, 2024, were not approved as no members had reviewed them. A motion was made for the clerk to summarize the video recording for future minutes.

IX. ~~Transition to~~ Collins Center Discussion

- Joe turned the discussion back to Anthony and Pat from the Collins Center to continue discussing Article 3 regarding the Town Council's legislative branch.

X. Review of Previous Meeting Topics

- Anthony and Pat briefly recapped discussions from the last meeting, including:
    - Planning and Economic Development Commission appointments.
    - Changes in governmental structure.
    - The role of non-resident taxpayers and their representation.

XI. Legislative Changes Discussion

- Pat shared a document detailing proposed changes to the charter. Key points discussed include:
    - Residents being able to speak freely at Town Council meetings, building on existing rights.

    - Mention of forming advisory committees for underrepresented groups within the community for better inclusion in policymaking.

XII. Specific Sections Reviewed

- Section 2.2: Discussion about the former members of the Town Council holding other compensated positions. There was an agreement to consider a waiver option for the one-year restriction to allow for flexibility.
- Section 2.3: The process for selecting a council president and vice president on a yearly basis was confirmed to allow for continuity while still being flexible.

XIII. Council President's Role with School Committee

- The committee ~~evaluated w~~discussed whether the council president should also serve on the school committee.
    - Various perspectives were shared:
        - Some members favored having a liaison for better coordination.
        - Others cautioned against potential governance issues ~~and 'collusion' in selection.~~
    - ~~It was noted that any appointments should be taken more seriously to ensure representation.~~Chair Grause offered to contact Pauline Proch, Chair of the School Committee, for her reaction and comment. Mr. Grause will report back to the Committee at a future meeting

~~**XIV. Input from Committee Members**~~

- Members shared their views on the importance of school representation and interaction with the Town Council:

~~Experiences from other towns highlighted the need for a more integrated approach to governance involving schools.~~

~~Concerns about how decisions affect students and the need for stronger oversight.~~

~~**XV. Approaches for Liaison Position**~~

~~It was proposed to appoint a Town Council member as a non-voting liaison to the school committee each year, rather than making it a voting responsibility.~~

- ~~The importance of consistent communication and oversight was emphasized.~~

~~**XVI. Decision on Liaison Role**~~

- ~~The committee reached a consensus on appointing a Town Council liaison to the school committee, with a representative rotating each year or as needed.~~

~~**XVII. Disclosure and Minutes Transparency**~~

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- ~~Discussed how to maintain transparency with the public regarding Council proceedings and how minutes should be recorded and made available.~~

XVIII. Miscellaneous Topics

- Questions arose about how vacancies on the Town Council would be handled:
  - Discussion about whether to appoint someone or wait for an election addressed concerns about maintaining proper representation.

Minutes Prepared by: Beau Barber

XIX. Adjournment
The meeting concluded with a unanimous vote to adjourn, motioned by Caroline, seconded by Curtis.

Town Council Study Committee Meeting Minutes - August 21st 3:00-500:pm

Attendees:

- Jeff Carlson (Chair)
- Curtis Barnes
- Rachel Mandle
- Caroline Baltzer
- Jill Vieth
- Tom Dixon
- Beau Barber
- Mel Kleckner (Collins Center)
- Patricia Lloyd (Collins Center)
- Anthony Wilson (Collins Center)

Agenda:

1. Acceptance of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from August 7th
3. Review of Article 2 (Town Council Provisions)
4. Discussion of Elected and Appointed Officials

Key Points:

1. **Acceptance of Agenda:** The committee accepted the agenda for the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the August 7th meeting were not available, so approval was deferred to the next meeting.
3. **Review of Article 2:** Pat reviewed the updated language for Article 2, incorporating suggestions from the committee. Key points included:
    - Section 2.2B: No member shall hold any compensated appointed office within a year following their service on Town Council, unless the one-year period is waived by Town Council.
    - Section 2.3: Removed reference to the council president serving on the school committee.
    - Added language regarding the liaison role between the Town Council and school committee.

4. **Discussion of Elected and Appointed Officials:** Anthony presented a framework for considering which positions should be elected versus appointed. Key points included:
    - Policymaking authority
    - Ministerial authority
    - Training and expertise
    - Ease of public evaluation
    - Checks and balances
    - Efficiency of government operations
    - Competitiveness of elections

Competitiveness of Elections Chart:

- Presented a chart analyzing the competitiveness of elections for various positions over the past 10 years.
- The chart showed that some positions, such as Moderator, Housing Authority, Town Clerk, and Harbor Shellfish Advisory Board, had low competitiveness.

Action Items:

- Send updated documents to the committee.
- Continue discussion on elected and appointed officials at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

- Review and discuss the draft language for elected and appointed officials.
- Consider the framework and competitiveness chart when making decisions.

Town Council Study Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: 9/4/2024
Location: Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Zoom)
Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Attendees:

- Members Present: Curtis Barnes, Kelly Steffen, Rachel Mandle, Caroline Baltzer, Jeff Carlson, Joe Grause (Chair), Beau Barber, Tom Dixon
- Staff Present: Anthony Wilson, Mel Kleckner of the Collins Center
- No Town Staff

Absentees:

- Patricia

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Members introduced themselves and confirmed attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda:
The agenda was reviewed and unanimously accepted.

3. Approval of Minutes:
Discussion regarding minutes from previous meetings. Some minutes were not approved yet. Curtis volunteered to review them along with the website files and provide an update at the next meeting.

4. Committee Administrivia:

- Joe Grause shared that he is meeting with Libby tomorrow to discuss progress.
- An update for the Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18.

5. Discussion on the Charter:

- Anthony presented sections of the charter document the committee has formed a consensus on and highlighted the red sections that need further input.
- Discussion on the appointed vs. elected positions, particularly regarding elected bodies remaining in the new charter.
- Members discussed the need for mechanisms that allow for civic engagement and public participation.

6. Proposed Changes:

- The committee discussed potential transitions of elected bodies to appointed bodies, focusing on regulatory vs. advisory roles.
- Several suggestions were made regarding various committee/commission appointments, including a check-and-balance approach with ratification by the Town Council.

7. Upcoming Public Forums:

- Discussions on scheduling public forums for community input were held. The preferred dates discussed were October 5th and October 10.
- Joe to coordinate with Robin Dugan regarding venue and PR strategies.

8. Questions Raised:

- Clarification was sought about roles that are required to be elected according to state law. School Committees and Planning Boards were identified.
- Discussions occurred regarding potential conflicts of interest with finance-related committees.

9. Other Business:

- Curtis raised the topic of the Water and Sewer Commission and suggested considering a combined commission moving forward.
- Tom provided insight into vacancy filling procedures for committee positions, noting the current process.

10. Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for 9/18/24 at 3:00pm, where the committee will further discuss feedback from the public forums and review the draft of the charter.

11. Motion to Adjourn:
The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm Motion made by Caroline and seconded by Curtis.

Action Items:

- Curtis to review past minutes and email findings to the committee.
- Anthony to finalize details for public forums and send the draft charter to committee members for review before the next meeting.
- Members to collect materials on other town public forums for reference.
