



**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1225 MAIN STREET, SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approval of February 10, 2026 Minutes
- 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Article II City Council Sec. 2.02 Eligibility
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Article V General Provisions Sec. 5.01-Sec 5.03
  - B. Article VI Transition Sec. 6.01-Sec 6.05
- 7. STAFF MATTERS**
- 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS**
- 9. ITEMS FOR TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2026 AGENDA**
- 10. ADJOURN**

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**CITY OF SEBASTIAN  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1225 MAIN STREET, SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA**

1. Call to Order – Chair Vicki Drumheller called the Charter Review Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Vicki Drumheller  
Vice Chair Grace Reed  
Jeanne Hill  
Bill Fynn  
Scott Liberatore  
Charles Stadelman-Zoom (arrived at 7:18)  
Richard Gillmor  
Tim Borden  
Sharon Herman  
Susan Lorusso  
Felicia Hollorman  
Wanda Simmons  
David Moore  
Nicholas Scheskowsky  
Tegpreet Singh

Also Present:

Vice Mayor McPartlan  
Brian Benton, City Manager  
Jim Stokes, Interim City Attorney  
Cathy Testa, Acting City Clerk  
Bridget Eakins, Recording Secretary

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sec. 2.02 Eligibility

During discussion on candidate eligibility, the City Attorney advised that the city cannot add bankruptcy as a disqualifier because it is federally protected, and cautioned that expanding eligibility requirements beyond being a qualified elector could conflict with state law and invite litigation. He explained arrests cannot be used for disqualification, though convictions may be addressed within legal limits.

The Committee discussed extending residency to two years and adding disclosure requirements. Ms. Lorusso asked whether disclosures could be handled through candidate applications rather than the Charter. The City Attorney confirmed this would allow transparency without restricting ballot access. Mr. Borden raised concerns about serious prior convictions, while Mr. Gillmor noted that restoration of civil rights requalifies an individual as an elector under state law.

The Committee voted to recommend increasing the residency requirement from one year to two years. Other eligibility matters were tabled until the March 2 meeting for additional legal research.

B. Sec. 2.05 Compensation

Under Section 2.05 (Compensation), the City Attorney presented three options: fixed increases, a percentage tied to County salaries, or a per capita formula. A motion by Mr. Gillmor to increase salaries to \$1,500 for the mayor and \$1,200 for council members/vice mayor, and seconded by Mr. Liberatore. The motion failed.

A subsequent motion made by Mr. Scheskowsky to approve fixed increases of \$750 for the mayor and \$600 for council members/vice mayor, with annual percentage increases matching general employees, was seconded by Mr. Borden. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continue with Article 2: Sec. 2.07 through 2.16

In Section 2.08 (vacancies; forfeiture of office; filling of vacancies), the discussion centered on Sunshine Law violations and suspension authority. The City Attorney explained that only the Governor may remove elected officials under Florida law.

Ms. Reed made a motion to amend Section 2.08(C) to replace “arrested” with “charged” and remove limiting language tying offenses to official duties. The motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, passed on a tie-breaking vote by Mr. Stadelman.

The Committee retained the “Special Hearing” language, confirmed vacancy appointments may occur if no candidate qualifies, and declined to amend Section 2.12 to allow the City Manager to call special meetings after the motion was rescinded.

The Committee completed review of Article II and will revisit remaining eligibility issues at the March 2 meeting, where Articles III and IV will also be addressed.

6. STAFF MATTERS

No staff matters were raised.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

No committee matters were raised.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There will be no meeting until March 2. Committee members were asked to review and consider Articles III and IV in advance of that meeting. The City Attorney may forward additional draft language or suggested revisions through the City Clerk for the Committee to review, table, and take action on as appropriate. The eligibility section will also be revisited for further discussion and possible refinement.

9. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Scheskowsky. Being no further business, Chair Drumheller adjourned the Charter Review Committee meeting at 7:36 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Drumheller