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Madeira Beach Officials Host Charter Amendment Question & Answer Forum

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – Officials from the City of Madeira Beach will host a public Question and Answer Forum at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17th at Madeira Beach City Hall. The subject will be the proposed Charter amendments that will be decided by the voters during the General Election on November 6, 2018.

The Charter is a contract between the citizens and their government, which is sworn to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. It serves as the City's constitution and can only be changed by the will of the people who exercise their right to vote. For the first time in 10-years this document and its provisions were reviewed, and amendments proposed. Charter amendments are passed by a plurality vote of the electorate, *not* a super majority or over 60%, as is required for amending the state constitution.



City Manager Jonathan Evans, City Clerk Clara VanBlargan, and City Attorney Ralf Brookes will review each one of the proposed amendments, explain their impact and answer questions from the audience. The proposed changes cover areas involving voting on development, powers of the City Manager, qualifications for the City Clerk and more.

“I continue to be impressed at the level of civic engagement by the citizens of Madeira Beach, said City Manager Jonathan Evans. “It will be a crowded ballot with national, state and municipal elections, and we just want to remind people about the importance deciding the future of your local government.”

A committee of volunteers spent months hosting public meetings and reviewing the existing Charter. From those discussions they proposed twenty-nine updates for the Charter to the Madeira Beach City Commission, which approved 10 proposed amendments to be placed on the Nov. 6th ballot. For more information contact Curt Preisser, City of Madeira Beach Public Information Officer at 727-391-9951 x299 or cpreisser@madeirabeachfl.gov.

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One or more elected officials may be in attendance.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purposes may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The law does not require the City Clerk to transcribe verbatim minutes; therefore, the applicant must make the necessary arrangements with a private reporter or private reporting firm and bear the resulting expense. In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act and F.S. 286.26; any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should call 727-391-9951 or fax a written request to 727-399-1131.