



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Town Commission Meeting
MEETING DATE *November 07, 2023*
SUBMITTED BY: Lanelda Gaskins, Town Clerk's Office
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2023-005 (Second Reading/Public Hearing)

An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town Of Highland Beach, Florida, calling for a Referendum of the Qualified Electors of the Town Of Highland Beach to be held on March 19, 2024, as to whether the Town Of Highland Beach shall amend its Charter at Article I, Section 1.06(7) to provide the Town Commission the discretion to designate, by resolution, the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board to serve as Highland Beach's canvassing board during the uniform municipal elections; providing for notice and advertising of the referendum; providing for referendum canvassing; providing for severability, the repeal of laws in conflict, codification, and an effective date (First Reading was October 17, 2023).

SUMMARY:

On October 17, 2023, the Town Commission discussed the Proposed Ordinance calling for a Referendum of the Qualified Electors of the Town Of Highland Beach to be held on March 19, 2024, as to whether the Town Of Highland Beach shall amend its Charter at Article I, Section 1.06(7) to provide the Town Commission the discretion to designate, by resolution, the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board to serve as Highland Beach's canvassing board during the uniform municipal elections; providing for notice and advertising of the referendum; providing for referendum canvassing on first reading.

The Town Commission discussed amending the sixth whereas clause to include language about the town saving money. The sixth whereas clause will read as follows: "Whereas, the Town Commission hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the Town, saves the town money, and serves the public health, welfare and safety to amend its Charter at Article 1, Section 1.06(7) to allow the town commission to delegate by resolution, the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board to serve as Highland Beach's canvassing board during Uniform Municipal Elections." Commissioners David and Goldberg moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-005 with the additional wording. The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

Please note, the ballot summary of the proposed Charter amendment will be Referendum Question No. 3 on the official ballot, as outlined on Ordinance No. 2023-005.

Ordinance No. 2023-005 was advertised in accordance with Florida Statutes on October 28, 2023. Therefore Ordinance No. 2023-005 is before Town Commission for adoption on second/final reading.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance No. 2023-005 and Legal Advertisement Affidavit

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-005 on second/final reading.