



General Election

March 20, 2018

Ballot Initiatives



Referenda Questions - March 20th

Two “*Town Sponsored*” ballot questions included on the upcoming March General Election

- Proposed 2018 Charter*

- Fire Station Renovation/Replacement Project*

Role of Town is to Inform/Educate Voters



Replacement of the 2008 Charter



What Is A Charter?

The broad governing document for municipal governments; defines the powers and functions of elected officials; adopted by the people and amended by the people through a referendum. Every city/town in Florida has a charter.



Longboat Key Charter Review

- ❑ Requirement to review “no less than every ten years”
 - ❑ Town Commission appoints a Charter Review Committee

History

- ❑ Original Charter - Established in 1957
- ❑ Revisions/Amendments:
 - ❖ 1975
 - ❖ 1989
 - ❖ 1998
 - ❖ 1999
 - ❖ 2008 (Current Charter)



Public Process

- ❑ Charter Review Committee (CRC) appointed (March 2017)
- ❑ CRC public meetings (April-June 2017)
- ❑ Town Commission considered recommendations at 4 separate public meetings (October – December 2017)
- ❑ Recommendations consolidated into a single referendum Charter question to pose to the voters at the March 20, 2018, General Election



SINGLE CHARTER BALLOT QUESTION
MARCH 20, 2018

**REFERENDUM REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A NEW
2018 TOWN CHARTER**

**SHALL THE PROPOSED 2018 TOWN CHARTER AS SET
FORTH IN ORDINANCE 2017-23 BE ADOPTED REPLACING
THE 2008 TOWN CHARTER?**

YES - FOR ADOPTION _____

NO - AGAINST ADOPTION _____



Ordinance 2017-23 – Proposed 2018 Charter

- Ordinance 2017-23 containing the proposed 2018 Town Charter is available at Town Hall and on the Town's website: www.longboatkey.org



Proposed 2018 Charter

- ❑ Replaces the 2008 Charter

- ❑ A combination of grammatical, administrative recommendations, Florida Statute, best practices, and policy changes
 - ❖ For example:
 - ❖ Digital recordkeeping
 - ❖ Authority of Supervisor of Elections
 - ❖ Bonding authority
 - ❖ Assistant Town Manager appointment
 - ❖ Capital Budget Format



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Replaces and rewords the introductory paragraph to the Longboat Key Charter
- ❑ Article I, Sections 5(b) and (c), Powers of Municipality
 - ❖ Incorporates language to ensure Town authority and any entity controlled by Town (i.e. beach districts) to issue General Obligation Bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance and refinance capital projects
 - ❖ Provide for the issuance of revenue bonds up to \$5,000,000.00 without a referendum



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article I, Section 7(a), Amended Charter; references
 - ❖ Deletes specific references to Florida Statutes and provides a general reference to Florida law.

- ❑ Article I, Section 8, Ethics in Government
 - ❖ Deletes specific local enforcement of local ethics code through a Special Magistrate process. Restates obligation to comply with the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes.
 - ❖ Restates public employee and officials compliance with the ethics laws in the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes.
 - ❖ Subjects all Town officers and employees to State regulatory enforcement (Florida Commission on Ethics).



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article II, Section 5, Conduct of Elections
- ❑ Article II, Section 6, Hours Polls to be Open
- ❑ Article II, Section 8, Vacancies (on Town Commission)
 - ❖ Incorporates language to reflect the authority of and required agreement from the Supervisor of Elections offices to schedule and hold an election.
 - ❖ Incorporates language to provide that either County Supervisor of Elections may oversee a town-wide election.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article II, Section 10, Mayor and Vice-Mayor
 - ❖ Provides for automatic assumption by vice-mayor of mayoral duties in the event of a vacancy during an unexpired term.
 - ❖ Requires a Town Commission meeting within 15 days of a vacancy in office (currently only 5 days are provided).

- ❑ Article II, Sections 12(b) and (c), Relationship of Commission with Administration
 - ❖ Deletes authority for the Town Commission to conduct investigations of employees, departments, and others and references subpoena powers.
 - ❖ Deletes cross reference to Article II, Section 23, Investigations by Commission.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article II, Section 13, Meetings
 - ❖ Deletes reference to specific 7:00 p.m. requirement for statutory meetings following an election.

- ❑ Article II, Section 14 (a) and (b), Special and Emergency Meetings
 - ❖ Incorporates language providing authority for the Town Manager to schedule special meetings.

- ❑ Article II, Section 16(c), Enactment of Ordinances
 - ❖ Deletes requirement for maintaining an ordinance book and provides for ordinance record keeping in compliance with Florida law.
 - ❖ Provides that ordinances may be kept in printed or digital format.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article II, Section 17(a), Emergency Measures
 - ❖ Grammatical changes.

- ❑ Article II, Section 18(a), Codification of Ordinances
 - ❖ Provides for document maintenance in digital format.

- ❑ Article II, Section 20(a), Appointment of Advisory Boards and Charter Review Committee
 - ❖ Incorporates reference to Charter Review Committee in title.
 - ❖ Removes references to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Code Enforcement Board as permanent boards in the Charter.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- Article II, Section 23, Investigations
 - ❖ Deletes authority for Town Commission to conduct investigations of employees or offices including authority to issue subpoenas.

- Article III, Section 3(a) and (b), Assistant Town Manager and Acting Town Manager
 - ❖ Provides for Commission authority as it relates to establishing/consenting to the hiring of an Assistant Town Manager and designating an acting Town Manager.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article III, Section 4, Powers and Duties of the Town Manager
 - ❖ Provides authority for setting compensation for collective bargaining units.
 - ❖ Clarifies role as purchasing agent for goods and services and ability to execute certain Interlocal Agreements.
- ❑ Article IV, Section 2(f), Powers and Duties (Town Clerk)
 - ❖ Provides authority for retention of records in compliance with Florida law.
- ❑ Article V, Section 3, Submission of Budget and Budget Message
 - ❖ Establishes June 15th as the due date for submission of budget to the Town Commission (current Charter specifies June 1st).



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article V, Section 6(a) and (b), Capital Program
 - ❖ Establishes June 15th as the due date for submission of the Capital Program budget and items that may be included in such program.

- ❑ Article V, Section 7, Town Commission Action on Budget
 - ❖ Incorporates language providing for adoption of budget by resolution in addition to an ordinance.

- ❑ Article V, Section 9(a), (b), and (c), Amendments After Adoption
 - ❖ Incorporates language providing for appropriations or reduction of appropriations by resolution in addition to an ordinance.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- Article V, Section 9(d), Amendments After Adoption
 - ❖ Provides for an increase in budgetary transfer authority by Town Manager to \$20,000 and an annual increase each October 1 to the transfer limit by the CPI.

- Article V, Section 12, Audit of Accounts
 - ❖ Provides for audits to be published on Town website.

- Article V, Section 13, Audit and Certification/Duties and Responsibilities
 - ❖ Amends title and section in its entirety.
 - ❖ Clarifies duties and responsibilities of various officials: Finance Director over finances, Town Clerk over record keeping, Purchasing Manager over procurements.



SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED 2018 CHARTER AND EXISTING 2008 CHARTER

- ❑ Article VI, Section 1, Town Attorney, Appointment and Qualifications
 - ❖ Increases number of years of required experience.

- ❑ Article VII, Section 2, Charter Amendments, Methods of Referendum
 - ❖ Clarifies scheduling elections to be coordinated with Supervisor of Elections offices.



Fire Stations Renovation and Replacement





PROPOSED FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Renovation of North Station includes renovated sleeping and bathroom facilities and a new generator.
- South Station includes new construction adding 1,300 additional square feet of space.



Provide gender specific sleeping facilities



Provide separate eating and office work accommodations



Ordinance 2017-18 - Renovate/Replace Fire Stations

- Ordinance 2017-18 establishes the ballot question on the renovation of the North Fire Station and replacement of the South Fire Station

- A copy of the Ordinance is available at Town Hall and on the Town's website: (www.longboatkey.org)



Ordinance 2017-18 - Renovate/Replace Fire Stations

APPROVING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS/NOTES TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TOWN'S FIRE STATIONS

Shall Town of Longboat Key be authorized to issue general obligation bonds/notes, in one or more series, not exceeding \$5,895,000.00, bearing interest not exceeding maximum legal rates, maturing not later than 25 years from issuance, payable from the Town's ad valorem tax revenues and full faith, credit and unlimited ad valorem taxing power, to finance the design, demolition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, improvement and/or equipping of the north and south fire stations?

_____ Yes - For Bonds/Notes

_____ No - Against Bonds/Notes



Results of the Ballot Initiative

Charter

If the 2018 Charter passes : the effective date will be the day following the canvassing of the election results

If the 2018 Charter fails: the 2008 Charter will remain in effect

Fire Stations

If the proposed ballot question passes: the Town will proceed with the plans to replace the South Fire Station and renovate the North Fire Station

If the proposed ballot question fails: the project will not proceed



Town Sponsored Public Education Sessions

- Town Hall Meeting:** January 25 - 9:30 AM at Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Commission Chambers

- Town Hall Meeting:** February 15 - 2:00 PM at Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Commission Chambers

- Community Open House:** March 3 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at North Fire Station, 5490 Gulf of Mexico Drive



How to Receive More Information

Town Website (www.longboatkey.org)

- ❖ Copy of Ordinances - 2017-18 and 2017-23
- ❖ Redlined Version of Charter
- ❖ PowerPoint Presentations
- ❖ FAQ's - Fire Stations
- ❖ Contact Town Staff: (941) 316-1999

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