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Madeira Beach City Commission Approves 11 Proposed Charter Amendments for March Ballot

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – At their first official meeting of 2019, the Madeira Beach City Commission approved eleven possible changes to the City’s Charter that will be decided by the voters in March.

The proposed changes for consideration include majority voting, term-limits, adjustment of district boundaries, powers of Charter officers, citizen referendum procedures and more. Voters can learn more details about each question and its impact by visiting the City’s website, www.madeirabeachfl.gov, and clicking the “Proposed Charter Amendments” button on the home page. The March 12, 2019 election will also see candidates running for the seats in District 3 and District 4.

A committee of citizen 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 ten proposed amendments to be placed on the ballot last November. Eight of those proposed amendments were approved by the voters.

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 change by a vote of the people who exercise their right to vote.

In other business the Board approved:

- Adjusting the hours during which licensed businesses can sell alcohol
- Amending the depth of setbacks allowing for more buildable space on corner lots
- Approved a list of cities comparable to Madeira Beach for use in researching best practices
- Approved liquor licenses for two eateries on Madeira Way in the downtown

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