



**MINUTES
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:06 p.m. with Mayor James Gosey presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present: Council Members Damian Dalcour, Lyndia Thomas, Gerald Joubert, Dulani Masimini, Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami, Interim City Manager Debra Maness, Acting City Secretary Ofilia Rueda, Interim Chief of Police Robert Herbert, Acting Public Works Director Roberto Duenes, Finance Director Clifford Blackwell, III. Council Member Andrew Sanders – excused absence.

Opening Agenda:

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Gosey called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. Discuss and consider revisions to the City’s Home Rule Charter

Council Member Thomas had the following suggestions:

- a) Sec 2.02: 7th line from the bottom, would like to add the requirement of “witness statements”
- b) Sec 3:01: Term Limits: propose 3 year terms.
- c) Sec 3:03: Compensation of Council Members for attendance at meetings. There was discussion as to whether to set that amount by ordinance/resolution or allow the citizens to vote on the amount.
- d) Article 4, Sec 4.01: Add the following language
 - (i) To the first paragraph...officer of the City, **responsible for the day to day operations**, and shall be.....
 - (ii) To the second paragraph ... on the basis of executive, **managerial** and administrative training.....

Council Member Masimini stated that he would like language establishing the strong Mayor form of government. He would like the City Administrator to report to the Mayor

III. Discuss and consider making recommendations to Council regarding charter amendments

Mayor Gosey recommended to the Council to make a list of the changes that they would like to make to the Charter.

IV. Consider next meeting date

The next meeting for the Charter Review Commission will be January 19, 2010.

V. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved:

Debra W. Maness, Interim City Manager

James Gosey, Mayor