



City of Indian Rocks Beach

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City Commission

R. B. Johnson	Mayor
Jim Labadie	Vice Mayor
Terry Hamilton-Wollin	Commissioner
Phil Hanna	Commissioner
Cookie Kennedy	Commissioner

Administration

City Manager	Brently Gregg Mims
City Attorney	Jay Daigneault, Esq.
City Clerk	Deanne B. O'Reilly

1507 Bay Palm Boulevard
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2015 CALENDAR

Tue	03/10	7:00a-7:00p	Municipal General Election
Sat	03/14	2:00p-8:00p	Bluegrass Festival
Tue	03/17	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Thu	03/19	6:00p	Planning & Zoning Board
Sat	03/21	11:00a-4:00p	Greenfest
Tue	03/24	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Sat	03/28	Noon	Historical Museum Luncheon
Fri	04/03	6:30p-7:00p	Gulfside Gallop
Sat	04/04	11:00a-7:00p	Beauty & the Beach
Sat	04/04	10:00a	Easter Egg Hunt
Tue	04/14	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	04/16	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning Board
Mon-Wed	04/18-04/19		Citywide Garage Sales
Tue	04/21	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Sat	04/25	4:00p-10:00p	Biggest Beach Party

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The City of Indian Rocks Beach residents will consider the following Charter Amendments on Tuesday, March 10, 2015:

1. Ordinance 2014-33; Charter Amendment 2015-01

This amendment updates the use of male and female pronouns to contemporary, gender-neutral usage.

2. Ordinance 2014-34; Charter Amendment 2015-02

This amendment eliminates the requirement for the city commission to consider and determine the necessity of a professional management evaluation of the city's administrative activities at least every five years. The city commissioners interact and evaluate the city manager on a much more frequent basis than five years. Some commissioners communicate, interact, and evaluate the manager on a daily basis. The commission as a whole convenes at least monthly with the manager present at all meetings.

3. Ordinance 2014-35; Charter Amendment 2015-03

The city no longer has a police department or a police chief and instead contracts for law enforcement services with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. This amendment repeals a provision of the charter giving the city manager the authority to hire, fire, or suspend the chief of police with the consent of the city commission.

4. Ordinance 2014-36; Charter Amendment 2015-04

This amendment adopts the definition of "public records" contained in the Florida Statutes, thereby avoiding the necessity of changing the charter definition each time the statutory definition changes.

5. Ordinance 2014-37; Charter Amendment 2015-05

This amendment would eliminate the need for a referendum should the city commission desire to lease real property outside the city limits. For a number of years the city has been concerned about the location of the solid waste facility located on Miami Avenue. A large portion of the area has been developed as a park with boat docks. The city is looking for other locations outside the city for the solid waste facility.



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6. Ordinance 2014-38; Charter Amendment 2015-06

This amendment deletes specific charter recognition of the planning board and board of adjustment. These boards, in addition to the statutorily-required local planning agency, are presently recognized and authorized by city ordinance. Florida Statutes require a local planning agency, but not a planning board. At the present time, the city has both a planning board and a local planning agency. The same people serve on both boards. Presently, the planning board and local planning agency have separate agendas, meetings and minutes. This amendment would simplify and streamline several city functions.

7. Ordinance 2014-39; Charter Amendment 2015-07

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8. Ordinance 2014-40; Charter Amendment 2015-08

This language in the charter related to the board of adjustment is in the Code. It is redundant to maintain this language in the charter and the Code of Ordinances. Deleting it from the Charter would help streamline and simplify the city's regulations.

9. Ordinance 2014-41; Charter Amendment 2015-09

This amendment eliminates charter provisions concerning initiative, referendum, and recall, all of which are governed by Florida Statute.

10. Ordinance 2014-42; Charter Amendment 2015-10

The amendment clarifies that typographical errors, such as spelling, grammar, and syntax errors that are corrected by the publishers of the Code – the Municipal Code Corporation – are not amendments to the charter.

11. Ordinance 2014-43; Charter Amendment 2015-11

The amendment changes how members of the charter review committee are appointed from ordinance to resolution. Currently, all other board and committee members are appointed by resolution. This amendment also resets the clock as to the frequency for the charter review committee to meet.

12. Ordinance 2014-44; Charter Amendment 2015-12

The charter review committee is appointed by the city commission. The charter review committee proposes amendments to the city charter, and the city commission is required to submit those proposals to referendum election. All other boards in the city are advisory. Instead of requiring that the charter review committee's proposals be submitted to referendum, the proposed amendments make the proposals of the charter review committee advisory to the city commission. The city commission, an elected body, would then decide what would be put out for referendum vote.

13. Ordinance 2014-45; Charter Amendment 2015-13

This amendment takes the requirement for a long range plan out of the charter. A long range plan – now called a comprehensive plan – is already required by Florida Statute and the City's Code of Ordinances.

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

The IRB Municipal General Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**, to elect, at-large, qualified candidates to fill the vacancies of two City Commission seats, each for a two-year term.

Gregg Mims

City Manager

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