

# Winter Haven Regular Municipal Election

## November 7, 2017

### Polk County, Florida

- Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use black or blue pen.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.

#### City Commissioner Seat 5 (Vote for 1)

- JoNathan "Joey" Hilliard
- James Edward Hogan
- Steven M. Hunnicutt
- James H. "JP" Powell

#### Charter Amendments

##### IMPOSING TERM LIMITS FOR COMMISSIONERS OF 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN THE LAST 12 YEAR PERIOD

Limits terms by prohibiting incumbents who have held the office of commissioner for twelve (12) years in the last twelve (12) year period from appearing on the ballot for re-election. Terms of office beginning before amendment approval are not counted. Former commissioners may appear again on the ballot after an intervening period of two (2) years.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

##### AMENDING THE PROCEDURE FOR FILLING VACANT COMMISSION SEATS

If a commission seat is vacated (a) with one (1) year or more left in the unexpired term, the seat will be filled by a special election or (b) with less than one (1) year left in the unexpired term, the seat may be filled by a special election, by appointment, or left vacant until the next regular municipal election.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

##### SETTING THE COMPETITION THRESHOLD FOR CITY PURCHASES TO \$5,000.00

Requiring the City Manager to use a competitive process for City purchases valued in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

##### AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE FORCE

Deletes the current Charter requirement that the composition of the City's police force be determined by ordinance. Vests the City Manager with authority to determine the composition of the City's police force.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

##### AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION OF THE FIRE FORCE

Deletes the current Charter requirement that the composition of the City's fire force be determined by ordinance. Vests the City Manager with authority to determine the composition of the City's fire force.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

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**AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE**

Grants the City Commission the power to adopt an annual budget by resolution or ordinance. Deletes a duplicative notice provision and requires the City to give notice to the public of the type and manner required by general Florida law.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

**REVISING PROCEDURES FOR SETTING COMPENSATION FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOARD MEMBERS, POLICE AND FIRE**

Deletes the current Charter requirement that compensation for the City's police and fire forces be determined by ordinance. Vests the City Manager with authority to set compensation for the City's police and fire forces, subject to annual appropriation. Authorizes the City Commission to set compensation for heads of departments and members of boards by resolution or ordinance.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

**DECENNIAL CHARTER REVIEW**

Beginning in 2030, and every ten (10) years thereafter, the City Commission shall appoint a committee of City residents to review the City Charter and generate a report with recommendations for suggested amendments and revisions to the City Charter, if any.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

**REVISING EXPENDITURE AND TRANSFER MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS**

Authorizes the City Manager to approve expenditures of appropriated funds on budgeted items if the total appropriations to the office or department do not change during the fiscal year. Requires the City Manager to make reports of such expenditures to the City Commission. Vests the City Commission with authority to allow or ratify the transfer of revenue and unencumbered appropriations between departments or funds of the City.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No

**PERMITTING ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC DEDICATIONS OF STREETS AND ALLEYS BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE**

Allows the City Commission to accept public dedication of land for use as public streets and alleys by resolution or ordinance.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

- Yes
- No