



# Islamorada, Village of Islands CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

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February 25, 2026 - 5:30 PM  
Founders Park Community Center  
87000 Overseas Highway  
Islamorada, FL 33036

The Village Council has resumed the in-person regular meeting format. Virtual participation is still available to the public. Please see the last page of the agenda for participation details

## AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - A. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(3) - The mayor; powers and duties
  - B. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(5) - Compensation and expenses
  - C. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(7) - Vacancies; forfeitures of office; suspension; filling of vacancies
  - D. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(9) - Village Records
  - E. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 8 - Elections
  - F. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 8(9) - Initiative and referendum
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Schedule of Meetings
  - B. Future Discussion Items
  - C. Approval of February 18, 2026 Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

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[PUBLIC\_PARTICIPATION]

**Option 1: Email your comments.**

1. Public comment should be submitted via email to: [public.comment@islamorada.fl.us](mailto:public.comment@islamorada.fl.us)
2. The email should contain "Public Comment" in the subject line.
3. The name and address of the submitter shall be included in the email.
4. Public comment should be submitted by 9 a.m. the day before the meeting. Public comment will be sent to the Village Councilmembers for consideration prior to the meeting. Public comments will not be read during the meeting.

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1. If phoning in, dial 305-224-1968 and enter the webinar ID: **911 0656 4166** followed by #. When the Mayor opens public comment pertaining to the agenda item you are interested in dial \*9 to be recognized by the Zoom meeting monitor. The Monitor will call you by the last four digits of your phone number. **Please be sure to unmute your phone when you are called upon.**
2. If watching online via Zoom: Open the Zoom webinar link <https://zoom.us/j/91106564166> and follow the prompts to join the webinar. When the Mayor opens public comment use the "raise your hand" feature to be recognized by the meeting monitor. Public comments will be heard in the order in which they are received.

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# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(3) - The mayor; powers and duties**

## **Background:**

(3) The mayor; powers and duties.

a) The village council, at its first regular meeting after the fourth Tuesday of each November, shall elect from its membership a mayor and vice-mayor who shall serve at the pleasure of the village council and who shall have the same legislative powers and duties as any other councilmember, except as provided in paragraph

(b). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor in a year in which there is a Village Council election, shall occur at the first regular Council meeting after the election certification has been conducted and approved by the Village's Canvassing Board.

(b) In addition to carrying out the regular duties under paragraph (a), the mayor shall preside at the meetings of the council and shall be recognized as the head of village government for service of process, ceremonial matters, and the signature or execution of ordinances, contracts, deeds, bonds, and other instruments and documents. The mayor shall have no administrative duties other than those necessary to accomplish these actions, or such other actions as may be authorized by the village council, consistent with general or special law.

## **Analysis:**

Committee members should discuss any potential modifications and work towards a consensus on which items should be amended.

## **Budget Impact:**

Budget impact would be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

## **Staff Impact:**

Staff impact would be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

## **Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None



# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(5) - Compensation and expenses**

## **Background:**

(5) Compensation and expenses. Village councilmembers shall initially be compensated at the rate of \$300 per month, and shall be entitled to receive reimbursement in accordance with Florida Statutes for authorized travel and per diem expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The village council, by not less than four affirmative votes, may elect to provide for an increase in compensation by ordinance. However, no such ordinance establishing or increasing compensation shall take effect until approved by a majority of the village electors at the next regular election which follows the adoption of said ordinance.

## **Analysis:**

Committee members should discuss any potential modifications and work towards a consensus on which items should be amended.

## **Budget Impact:**

Budget impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

## **Staff Impact:**

Staff impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

## **Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None



# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(7) - Vacancies; forfeitures of office; suspension; filling of vacancies**

## Background:

(7) Vacancies; forfeitures of office; suspension; filling of vacancies.

(a) Vacancies. A vacancy in the office of a councilmember shall occur upon the death of the incumbent, removal from office as authorized by law, resignation, appointment to other public office which creates dual office holding, judicially determined incompetency, or forfeiture of office as described in paragraph (b).

(b) Forfeiture of office. A councilmember shall forfeit his or her office upon determination by the council, acting as a body, at a duly noticed public meeting that he or she:

(i) Lacks at any time, or fails to maintain during his or her term of office, any qualification for the office prescribed by this charter or otherwise required by law;

(ii) Is convicted of a felony, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a crime punishable as a felony, even if adjudication is withheld;

(iii) Is convicted of a first degree misdemeanor arising directly out of his or her official conduct or duties, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere thereto, even if adjudication of guilt has been withheld;

(iv) Is found to have violated any standard of conduct or code of ethics established by law for public officials and has been suspended from office by the Governor, unless subsequently reinstated as provided by law; or

(v) Is absent from three consecutive regular council meetings without justifiable reason, or for any other reason established in this charter.

(c) Suspension from office. A councilmember shall be suspended from office upon return of an indictment or issuance of any information charging the councilmember with any crime which is punishable as a felony or with any crime arising out of his or her official duties which is punishable as a first degree misdemeanor. Pursuant thereto:

(i) During the period of suspension, the councilmember shall not perform any official act, duty, or function, or receive any pay, allowance, emolument, or privilege of office.

(ii) If the councilmember is subsequently found not guilty of the charge, or if the charge is otherwise dismissed, reduced, or altered in such a manner that suspension would no longer be required as provided herein, the suspension shall be lifted and the councilmember shall be entitled to receive full back pay and such other emoluments or allowances as he or she would have been entitled to had the suspension not occurred.

(d) Filling of vacancies.

(i) If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, the vice-mayor shall serve as mayor until a new mayor is elected as provided in paragraph (3)(a) and assumes the duties of his or her office.

(ii) If any vacancy occurs in the office of any councilmember and the remainder of the unexpired term is less than 50 percent, the remaining councilmembers shall, within 30 days following the occurrence of such vacancy, by majority vote, appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. If, however, the remainder of the unexpired term is equal to or exceeds 50 percent, the remaining councilmembers shall, within 30 days following the occurrence of such vacancy, by majority vote, appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled village election.

(iii) Any person appointed to fill a vacant seat on the council shall be required to meet the qualifications of the seat to which he or she is appointed.

State law reference(s)—Charter or ordinance to provide for method of filling vacancies, F.S. § 166.031(6).

**Analysis:**

Committee members should discuss any potential modifications and work towards a consensus on which items should be amended.

**Budget Impact:**

Budget impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

**Staff Impact:**

Staff impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None



# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(9) - Village Records**

## **Background:**

(9) *Village records.* The council shall, in a properly indexed book kept for the purpose, provide for the authentication and recording in full of all minutes of meetings, and all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the council, and the same shall at all times be a public record. The council shall further maintain a current codification of all ordinances. Such codification shall be printed and shall be made available for distribution to the public on a continuing basis. All ordinances or resolutions of the council shall be signed by the mayor, or vice-mayor in the absence or disability of the mayor, or by the acting mayor in the absence or disability of both the mayor and the vice-mayor, and attested to by the village clerk.

## **Analysis:**

Committee members should discuss any potential modifications and work towards a consensus on which items should be amended.

## **Budget Impact:**

Budget impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

## **Staff Impact:**

Staff impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

## **Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None



# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 8 - Elections**

**Background:**  
See attached Section 8

**Analysis:**  
Committee members should discuss any potential modifications and work towards a consensus on which items should be amended.

**Budget Impact:**  
Budget impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

**Staff Impact:**  
Staff impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** 1. IVOI Charter Section 8

## **Sec 8 Elections**

- (1) *Electors.* Any person who is a resident of the village, who has qualified as an elector of this state, and who registers in the manner prescribed by law shall be an elector of the village.
- (2) *Nonpartisan elections.* All elections for the village councilmembers shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis without any designation of political party affiliation.
- (3) *Qualifying for office.* Any resident of the village who wishes to become a candidate for a village elective office shall qualify with the village clerk no sooner than the second Tuesday prior to the Monroe County's primary election at noon and ending no later than noon on the following Tuesday of the year in which the election is to be held.
- (4) *Schedule for general elections.* The regular village election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year. Such village elections shall be general village elections.
- (5) *Schedule for other elections.*
  - (a) An election to fill the remainder of an unexpired term shall be held as provided in subsection (4).
  - (b) Special municipal elections shall be held in the same manner as regular elections, except that the village council, by ordinance, shall fix the time for holding of such elections.
- (6) *Determination of election to office.* If only one candidate qualifies for a seat, said candidate shall be deemed to be elected to office for that particular seat. If two or more candidates qualify for a seat, the names of those candidates shall be placed on the ballot, by seat, at the general election. The candidate receiving the highest number of the votes cast for each seat in the election shall be elected to such office. If the vote at the election results in a tie, the outcome shall be determined by lot.
- (7) *Village canvassing board.* The village canvassing board shall be no less than three members and composed of those members of the village council who are not candidates for reelection and the village clerk, who shall act as chairperson. If there are less than two eligible councilmembers to serve, board members shall be appointed by the council. At the close of the polls of any village election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the canvassing board shall meet at a time and place designated by the chairperson and shall proceed to publicly canvass the vote as shown by the returns when on file in the office of the village clerk, and then shall publicly canvass the absentee elector ballots. The canvassing board shall prepare and sign a certificate containing the total number of votes cast for each candidate or other measure voted upon. The certificate shall be placed on file with the village clerk.
- (8) *Recall of village councilmembers.* Any member of the village council may be removed from office by the electors of the village following the procedures for recall established by general law.

State law reference(s)—Recall, F.S. § 100.361.
- (9) *Initiative and referendum.*
  - (a) *Power to initiate and reconsider ordinances.*
    - (i) *Initiative.* The electors of the village shall have the power to propose ordinances to the village council and, if the village council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, to adopt or reject it at a village election, provided that such power shall not extend to the annual budget or

capital program or any ordinance appropriating money, levying taxes, or setting salaries of village officers or employees.

(ii) *Referendum.*

- A. The village council shall have the power, by resolution, to call for a referendum vote by the electors of the village at any time, provided that the purpose of such referendum is presented to the village at a public hearing at least 60 days prior to the adoption of said resolution. Any resolution calling for a referendum vote of the electors of the village must be passed by the affirmative vote of not less than four members of the council.
- B. The electors of the village shall have the power to require reconsideration by the village council of any adopted ordinance and, if the village council fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject it at a village election, provided that such power shall not extend to the annual budget or capital program or any ordinance appropriating money, levying taxes, or setting salaries of village officers or employees.
- C. Notwithstanding anything in subparagraph 2.b. to the contrary, the referendum power shall extend to any ordinance levying ad valorem taxes, provided that the ordinance increases the total village tax rate above 5 mills, and that all petitions with respect to the referendum are filed within 30 days after the date of adoption of the ordinance.

(b) *Commencement of proceedings.* Any ten electors may commence initiative or referendum proceedings by filing with the village clerk an affidavit stating that they shall constitute the petitioner's committee and be responsible for circulating the petition and filing it in proper form stating their names and addresses and specifying the address to which all notices to the committee are to be sent, and setting out in full the proposed initiative ordinance or citing the ordinance sought to be reconsidered. Promptly after the affidavit of the petitioner's committee is filed, the village clerk may, at the committee's request, issue the appropriate petition blanks to the petitioner's committee at the committee's expense.

(c) *Petitions.*

- (i) Initiative and referendum petitions must be signed by electors of the village equal in number to at least ten percent of the total number of electors registered to vote in the last regular village election.
- (ii) All papers of a petition shall be assembled as one instrument of filing. Each signature shall be executed in ink and shall be followed by the printed name and address of the person signing. Petitions shall contain or have attached thereto throughout their circulation the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.
- (iii) Each paper of a petition shall have attached to it, when filed, an affidavit executed by the circulator thereof stating that he or she personally circulated the paper, the number of signatures thereon, that all signatures were affixed in his or her presence, that he or she believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, and that each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.

- (iv) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph 2.b., all initiative and referendum petitions must be filed within 60 days of the date on which proceedings with respect to such initiative or referendum are commenced, and all requirements of the process, including, but not limited to, the submission of the signatures required, must be completed no later than 90 days following the date of filing said initiative or referendum petition.

(d) *Procedure for filing.*

- (i) Within 20 days after an initiative petition or a referendum petition is filed, the village clerk shall complete a certificate as to its sufficiency, specifying, if it is insufficient, the particulars wherein it is defective and shall promptly send a copy of the certificate to the petitioner's committee by registered mail. Grounds for insufficiency are only those specifics in subparagraph (c)3. that are not met. A petition certified insufficient for lack of the required number of valid signatures may be amended once if the petitioner's committee files a notice of intent to amend it with the designated official within two business days after receiving the copy of the certificate and files a supplementary petition upon additional papers within ten days after receiving the copy of such certificate. Such supplementary petition shall comply with original petition requirements, and within five days after it is filed, the village clerk shall complete a certificate as to the sufficiency of the petition as amended and promptly send a copy of such certificate to the petitioner's committee by registered mail. If a petition or an amended petition is certified sufficient, or if a petition or amended petition is certified insufficient and the petitioner's committee does not elect to amend or request the village council review under subparagraph 2. within the time required, the village clerk shall promptly present a certificate to the village council and such certificate shall then be a final determination as to the sufficiency of the petition.
- (ii) *The village council review.* If a petition has been certified insufficient and the petitioner's committee does not file notice of intent to amend it or if an amended petition has been certified insufficient, the committee may, within two business days after receiving the copy of such certificate, file a request that it be reviewed by the village council. The village council shall review the certificate at its next meeting following the village council's filing of such request and approve or disapprove it, and determination shall then be final as to the sufficiency of the petition.

(e) *Action on petitions.*

- (i) *Action by village council.* When an initiative or referendum petition has been determined insufficient, the village council shall promptly consider the proposed initiative ordinance or reconsider the referendum ordinance by voting its repeal. The repeal of an ordinance relating to the levy of ad valorem taxes shall be by ordinance. If the village council fails to adopt a proposed initiative ordinance without any change in substance within 45 days or fails to repeal the referendum ordinance within 30 days or, in the case of a referendum authorized pursuant to subparagraph (a)2.c., within five days after the date on which the petition is determined to be sufficient, it shall submit the proposed initiative or referendum ordinance to the electors of the village. If the village council fails to act on a proposed initiative ordinance or a referendum ordinance within the time period specified, the village council shall be deemed to have failed to adopt the proposed initiative ordinance or failed to repeal the referendum ordinance on the last day that the village council was authorized to act on such matter.

- (ii) *Submission to electors.* The vote of the village on a proposed initiative or referendum ordinance shall be held not less than 30 or more than 60 days from the date the village council acted or was deemed to have acted pursuant to subparagraph (e)1. that the petition was determined sufficient. If no regular election is to be held within the period described in this paragraph, the village council shall provide for a special election, except that the village council may, in its discretion, provide for a special election at an earlier date within the described period. Copies of the proposed initiative or referendum ordinance shall be made available at the polls.
- (iii) *Withdrawal of petitions.* An initiative or referendum petition may be withdrawn at any time prior to the 15th day preceding the day scheduled for a vote of the village by filing with the village clerk a request for withdrawal signed by at least eight members of the petitioner's committee. Upon the filing of such request, the petition shall have no further force or effect and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated.

(f) *Results of election.*

- (i) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results. If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.
- (ii) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a referendum ordinance vote[s] against it, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results.

(Ord. No. 03-13, § 3, 12-11-2003, referendum 3-9-2004; Ord. No. 07-02, § 2, 2-8-2007, referendum 5-15-2007; Ord. No. 07-04, § 2, 3-8-2007; Ord. No. 11-15, § 2, 6-23-2011; Ord. No. 11-19, § 2, 9-8-2011, referendum 1-31-2012)



# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 8(9) - Initiative and referendum**

**Background:**

See previous Item attachment.

**Analysis:**

Committee members should discuss any potential modifications and work towards a consensus on which items should be amended.

**Budget Impact:**

Budget impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

**Staff Impact:**

Staff impact will be dependent on recommendations of the committee.

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None

## Proposed 2026 CRC Meeting Dates

03/02/2026

03/09/2026

03/24/2026

03/30/2026

04/06/2026

04/15/2026

04/20/2026

04/27/2026



# Council Communication

**To:** Mayor and Village Council  
**From:** Jennifer DeBoisbriand , Planning Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Future Discussion Items**

**Background:**

Other sections requested for discussion include:

- Section 6 - Budget and Appropriations
- Section 7(4) - Village Attorney (as charter officer)
- Section 11(3) - Height Restriction
- Section 13(1) - Approval by electors (Precincts)

Other New Items for Discussion include:

- Advancements in technology and modern communication
- Citizens Bill of Rights
- Updating Publication Requirements

**Analysis:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Staff Impact:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None



# Islamorada, Village of Islands CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

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February 18, 2026 - 5:30 PM  
Founders Park Community Center  
87000 Overseas Highway  
Islamorada, FL 33036

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Ty Harris called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Ty Harris, Vice Chair Susan Raffanello, Committee Member Richard Black, Committee Member Lorie LaLonde, Committee Member Craig McBay, Committee Member Joseph Roth, Committee Member Roger Young

**ABSENT:**

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ty Harris opened public comment.

Speakers included:  
Sue Miller

There were no more speakers and Chair Harris closed public comment.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. February 9, 2026 Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Ty Harris opened public comment.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chair Harris closed public comment.

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve item III.A. by Craig McBay second by Richard Black;

Motion Passed with a 7:0 vote

**AYES:** Ty Harris, Susan Raffanello, Richard Black, Lorie LaLonde, Craig McBay, Joseph Roth, Roger Young

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

### IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### A. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5 (1) a & b - Seats vs. At-Large

The Committee discussed whether Council Members should be elected by designated seats or at-large.

Several members expressed concern that the current seat system lacks geographic relevance and may create confusion or opportunities for manipulation.

Concerns were raised about candidates switching seats, campaign finance implications, and administrative challenges.

Some members noted that residents expressed dissatisfaction with the current seat system, while others indicated community support for maintaining seats.

Discussion included whether seats encourage direct competition and more structured candidate forums, versus at-large elections being simpler administratively, but potentially fostering bloc voting.

FLC Consultant Lynn Tipton presented a comparative analysis of similar municipalities (e.g., Fernandina Beach, Indian Harbour Beach, Marathon, Neptune Beach) noting they primarily utilize at-large systems with staggered terms. Common practices include staggered terms and, in many cases, term limits.

Chair Harris expressed a preference for maintaining seats to encourage direct candidate comparison.

**Motion:**

Roger Young moved to retain the existing seat system, second by Richard Black.

**ACTION:** Motion to Recommend no change to the seats item IV.A. by None second by Richard Black;  
Motion Passed with a 6:1 vote

**AYES:** Ty Harris, Richard Black, Lorie LaLonde, Craig McBay, Joseph Roth, Roger Young

**NAYS:** Susan Raffanello

**ABSTAIN:** None

**B.** Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(2) —  
Term of Office

The Committee discussed term length, staggering, and term limits.

Two-year terms were viewed by some as promoting accountability, but creating frequent election cycles and administrative burden.

Three-year terms were discussed as a potential balance, though concerns were raised about continued frequent elections if staggered.

Four-year staggered terms were identified as ideal for continuity, but potentially less acceptable to voters.

Members discussed impacts on staff workload, training costs, and continuity of policy implementation.

Lynn Tipton noted that many Florida municipalities use staggered terms, commonly in 3-year cycles.

Chair Ty Harris opened public comment.

Speakers included:

Sue Miller  
Alina Davis

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chair Harris closed public comment.

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve recommend 3 year terms with max of 3 terms item IV.B. by Lorie LaLonde second by Roger Young;  
Motion Passed with a 6:1 vote  
**AYES:** Ty Harris, Richard Black, Lorie LaLonde, Craig McBay, Joseph Roth, Roger Young  
**NAYS:** Susan Raffanello  
**ABSTAIN:** None

The Committee moved onto to discussion of staggered terms.

The general consensus was that two-year terms should not be staggered.

There were mixed opinions on whether three-year terms should be staggered. Ms. Tipton reported that approximately 75–80% of the 411 Florida municipalities used staggered terms.

The Committee discussed possible implementation methods, including initial assignment of differing term lengths to establish staggering.

After the vote, Chair Harris clarified that under Roberts Rules of Order, anyone who voted on the prevailing side could bring the motion back up at the next meeting for reconsideration if they wished to discuss the item further.

**ACTION:** Motion to Recommend 3-year unstaggered terms item IV.B. by Susan Rafanello, second by Roger Young;  
Motion Failed with a 5:2 vote  
**AYES:** Susan Raffanello, Roger Young  
**NAYS:** Ty Harris, Richard Black, Lorie LaLonde, Craig McBay, Joseph Roth  
**ABSTAIN:** None

CORRECTED MOTION NOTED ABOVE - Struckthrough incorrect motion shown below:

~~ACTION: Motion to Recommend 3-year terms without staggered terms item IV.B.~~

~~by Lorie LaLonde second by Roger Young;~~

~~Motion Failed with a 6:1 vote~~

~~AYES: Ty Harris, Richard Black, Lorie LaLonde, Craig McBay, Joseph Roth,  
Roger Young~~

~~NAYS: Susan Raffanella~~

~~ABSTAIN: None~~

- C. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 5(3) - The mayor; powers and duties
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- H. Review and Discussion of Islamorada Village Charter, Section 8(9) - Initiative and referendum

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Schedule of Meetings**

Chair Ty Harris indicated that no meeting would be held the week of March 18.

Proposed upcoming meeting dates were discussed:

February 25

March 2

March 9

March 24

The Committee agreed to review the meeting schedule in greater detail at the next meeting.

### **B. Future Discussion Items**

## **VI. MOTIONS**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Raffanello moved to adjourn, second by Richard Black.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.