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How to prevent Carpetbagging in NMB

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In June of 2008, I submitted the following input below for our Charter Review Board. 19 points to be precise. Today we have at least one City Council candidate whom allegations are made against, not living in our city. Had the Charter Review board followed my recommendations, namely Items 2, 3 and 5, we would not have been having any of the problems we now face with any candidate.

I am happy to say, a few of the items I submitted, did get onto the ballot and passed with flying colors by the voters. The City is a work in progress.

It would be interesting to know if the City Clerk, Ms. Pamela Latimore and her office asked the candidates to produce their *Voter's Registration Card*, *their Driver's Licence*, *any utility bill to prove their one year residency*. Were photocopies made of these? Is the City Clerk's office getting enough help from our police department to prove candidates residency and other qualifications? Or does this fall on the shoulders of other residents? In comparison we do stronger checks when purchasing cigarettes or liquor. Not in the mood to ask for public records at the moment, but this will follow in time.

No candidate should be spending their time and money to prove other candidates residency or other. This should have been the duties of the City Clerk and their office from the get go. However, the way things are, candidates are forced to take time off from their campaign to do the City's job.

Our intention is to make this city better place for all.

The email below was forwarded by the City Manager's office to the Mayor and Council in June of 2008. It was later presented to the Charter Review board.

Stay well.

Mubarak

Subject: FW: Charter Review input 06-26-08

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Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like the issues listed below, to be taken into consideration and addressed for the Charter Review for the City Of North Miami Beach:

1) City elections should be held in November to coincide with the general elections.

Reason: This will get more people involved. The cost will be shared with the state and county.

2) Candidates should be at least one year resident of our city to be allowed to run for elections. Be a registered NMB voter for at least 12 months.

Reason: So they will be familiar with our city and its issues and stop fly by night politicians "dropping by" and abuse our system.

3) Candidates should submit three proof of residency- utility bills, rental agreement or proof of property ownership, valid Florida ID card with NMB address AND voter's card with NMB registration of at least twelve months.

4) Term limits:

The Council seat - Term limits should be a maximum of 2) Four-year terms. The office should be straddled. Three council seats up for elections every two years.

The Mayor seat should be up for elections every two years, up to a maximum of 4) two year term.

Any Councilperson having served the 8-year maximum of continuous service must vacate the position for at least 1) four-year term before running for office again.

Any Mayor having served a maximum of 4)two year terms, must vacate the position for at least 1) two-year term before running for office again.

5) Any candidate running for office or elected official who was found guilty of misdemeanor charges or more severe charges, or pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges or more severe charges, will be disqualified as a candidate or council member respectively. Fifty years prior to the qualifying period, any candidate or incumbent, found guilty or plead guilty of misdemeanor charges or more severe charges will be disqualified as a candidate or council person for office. Any elected official found guilty of misdemeanor charges or more severe charges should be removed from office immediately. No "grandfather" provisions should be entertained.

Presently the council and city is harboring an individual who embezzled, forged and or otherwise advertised he had several academic qualifications, neither of which is true. This shows the incompetency on the part of the individual for making proper decisions and judgment that will be beneficial for the city and its residents.

6) All elected officials should be given a handbook on the Sunshine laws.

They have no excuse not to follow the laws.

7) Elected officials should remain and live in the city no less than 90% of the time, every year. They should submit their passports as proof of stay. A sworn disclosure of travels is required.

Some officials may live out of the country most of the time. They return just in time to attend council meetings, soon thereafter, they leave the city to take up residence in another part of the world. This does not serve the people's interest well.

8) Grant dollars garnered by our elected officials, should be used to fund NMB city projects and programs.

Some elected officials may garner grant dollars or other monetary inducements, but none of it comes to our city.

9) There should be a proper financial background check on elected officials upon gaining office and this be repeated every year.

This would ensure we can see if they amass any sudden fortune that can come from bribery and corruption.

10) Elected officials should be exempted from the CRA board.

This can contribute to corruption. They may be tempted make back room deals.

11) Every trip, made by an elected official, city employee, or person acting on behalf of the city, paid by the city taxpayers should be well-documented and reported by the elected official, city employee or person acting on behalf of the city. Any request for traveling must be approved by the City manager, financial director and the Mayor. The signed approval required from these three individuals must be attained prior to requesting city funding. Documentation will be required prior to leaving/before and after the trip, stating its importance and how it will or benefitted the City residents. These trips should also be advertised and placed on the city's website. Expenses incurred by any spouse or significant other whilst accompanying an elected official on the same trip, has to be paid for by the elected official out of his or her own pockets, and it cannot be re-imbursed.

Visiting an automobile factory in Detroit or the Magic Kingdom of Disney world has nothing to do with our city. Presently there is an abuse of city funds for city officials excessive travels. If spending exceeds the pre-approved travel budget for that person, excess payment will be charged to the employee including the elected officials as an out-of-pocket expense. the City will not pay any excess beyond the allotted amount given.

12) A city manager, city clerk and city attorney should be hired for two years with their performance review due every two years. Public discussions should be held if the council will terminate his/her contract prematurely. The term should be one year before and one year after elections.

13) A charter review should be held at least every three years and last no longer than six months.

14) Any spending in excess of \$100 or \$250 must be approved by the City manager, the mayor plus one councilperson with the required forms filled out completely and signed by the City manager, Financial Director and the Mayor.

15) Campaign Sign ordinance to be revised and limit candidates to 4) large signs no greater than 32 square feet.

16) City-owned cell phone invoices should have all telephone activity itemized monthly.

17) Insurance for life should be reviewed. Our city cannot afford these give aways anymore. Health Insurance benefits should cease upon leaving or termination of office or employment. For council

members who are vested, their years of service should be taken into consideration.

18) Schedule and unschedule speakers should be allowed 6 minutes of speaking time per appearance.

Many residents have to wait weeks or months to share issues of concerns with their elected officials together. Sunshine laws prevent any two or more council members from meeting and discussing issues, therefore a resident cannot meet more than one councilmember to share his or her concern. The resident deserves the time to be heard. Those council members who do not have the time to listen and address residents concerns, should resign from their seats and allow those who will spend the time to serve their city residents well.

19) Disrespectful signs, plaques, wall ornaments and other dispicable memorabilia should not be allowed to decorate our public buildings.

Presently one council member have a sign decorating the wall of the room the individual currently occupies temporarily at City Hall, with an insulting plaque. The initials of our city is taken out of context to spell out a derogatory remark. It is very hypocritical for us to have this rum shop, brawling bar room sign hanging in our city chambers and having a "pledge of civility" implemented at council meetings. I do not see anything civil about this disrespectful sign. It should be removed immediately. Should anyone use this expletive term to describe council, it would be considered uncivil. We need to set a certain level of decency and decorum to be practised and council members should not be allowed to express thier vileness in public.

Hopefully we can have a charter everyone can respect. The charter review committee should be unbiased in their decision making and not be hampered or incited by our elected officials or special interests groups with hidden agendas. Should the charter review do a proper job, they will still be complimented two years after the production is completed.

May God guide us all to do the right things.

Regards,

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