

MINUTES
CHARTER REVIEW
June 12, 2023

The meeting of the Charter Review Advisory Committee was called to order by Nghiem Doan, City Attorney, on June 12, 2023 at 6:02 pm in Meeting Room 2 at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W. Walker Street, League City, Texas.

Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Present at meeting : Chuck Difalco, Diana Lawless, Chad Duchon, Elaine Kosty, David Johnson, Larry Millican, Mike Hembree and Pat Hallisey. Staff members present were Nghiem Doan, Drey Hicks and Thu Ramos. Councilman Sean Saunders was in attendance as a spectator.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Discussion regarding Charter Review Process and Timeline

City Attorney passed out a one-page summation of important dates for 2024 Charter Election and important laws and statues. We are shooting for the November 2024 Election date. In June 2024, would be the deadline for the Charter Review Committee to make final recommendations to Council for what amendments ought to be proposed. Short discussion about timeframe of timelines.

Discussion and Action Concerning Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair

Chairperson nomination Elaine Kosty nominated Pat Hallisey; Larry Millican nominated Chuck Difalco and David Johnson nominated Mike Hembree as Chairperson. Pat Hallisey received 4 votes. Chuck Difalco received 1 vote and Mike Hembree received 3 votes. Pat Hallisey is voted Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson Nomination Elaine Kosty nominated Mike Hembree and Pat Hallisey nominated Larry Millican as Vice Chairperson. Larry Millican declined the nomination. Mike Hembree is the Vice Chairperson. Short discussion on purpose and process of the Charter Review Committee.

Discussion and possible action concerning Committee meeting schedule

Motion once a month or once every two weeks by Elaine Kosty. Clarify motion, once every two weeks by Elaine Kosty. Short discussion on meeting timeframe and sub committees. Elaine Kosty asked Councilman Saunders if the Council has prepared a list of recommendation for this Committee.

Councilman Saunders replied that he will look into this question but wanted this Committee to look at the Charter and decide what they feel needed to be changed. Lengthy discussion on more dates for next meeting. Elaine Kosty asked for a binder of the City Charter and City Attorney agreed to provide the binders by Monday. Another lengthy discussion on meeting dates. Motion to meet for next meeting, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Motion passes.

Discussion and possible action concerning Charter issues to review

Short discussion about forming subcommittees and reports to Council.

Comments by Members of Committee

Pat Hallisey discussed that he would like the meetings be limited to 2 hours and about how the City Charter has pretty much stayed the same. Chuck Difalco discussed that he will attack an issue but never attack the individual. Mike Hembree discussed that this Committee will be the most fair and reasonable group and hopes the new guys enjoy being a part of it. David Johnson discussed about changes coming to us with the new section of the city and our opportunity to look at the new changes. Diana Lawless discussed looking forward on the changes on the West side. Chad Duchon discussed getting his feet wet with the Charter Review Committee. Elaine Kosty discussed about changing with the times. Pat Hallisey said we will get started on making a list of the Charter issues and developing subcommittees. Councilman Sean Saunders researching to find out if there is a list of topics to discuss but at this time, there is not. Pat Hallisey confirmed that Nghiem Doan will provide the Charter Review Advisory Committee binder and the next meeting will be on July 10, 2023. Short discussion about topics and lists for next meeting with each member giving a short background of themselves.

Comments by Staff Members

Drey Hicks introduced himself and thank everyone for being here. Nghiem Doan confirmed that the Charter Review Advisory Committee binder will be provided.

Adjournment

Larry Millican moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Hallisey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.



Chairperson

AUGUST 7, 2023

Date