

MINUTES

CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 7, 2023

The meeting of the Charter Review Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairperson, Pat Hallisey, on August 7, 2023 at 6:01 pm in Meeting Room 3 at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W. Walker Street, League City, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present at meeting: Diana Lawless , Mike Hembree, Pat Hallisey, Larry Millican, Chuck Difalco and David Johnson. Staff members present: Drey Hicks, Thu Ramos and Nghiem Doan. Not Present: Chad Duchon and Elaine Kosty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Millican made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Member DiFalco seconded and it was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Murello spoke on 3 topics.

Explore Financial Feasibility of having a City Attorney vs. TML Services – Getting rid of the City Attorney is a bad idea. Having a specialist on call is an added bonus to the City.

Form of Government: Council Manager vs. Mayor Council – Would like the City to stick with Council-Manager and to make the Mayor weaker. Short Explanation. Suggested consideration getting rid of the Mayor in total and go with Commission Style.

Mayor's Authority to Appoint/Nominate Committee/Boards within a set timeframe – Mayor's authority to appoint has been absurd. Having one person vote leads to one point of view being represented.

Katherine Swanson spoke on 3 topics.

Form of Government: Council Manager vs. Mayor Council – Keep it as Council- Manager. Feels it is more beneficial. Short Explanation.

Mayor's Authority to Appoint/Nominate Committee/Boards within a set timeframe – Would like not to see the Mayor have the authority to nominate the people the Committee. Short discussion on confusion and explanation.

Not on the list but wants the Charter Review Advisory Committee to take consideration on the current library policy of charging fees to use a reserve room. Short explanation on why it is not in the City or Citizens best interest to impose any fees.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LIST OF POTENTIAL CHARTER AMENDMENT TOPICS

Charter Review Advisory Committee made a list to discuss topics for future subcommittees. Short discussions on whether to keep, make housekeeping or omit from the list below and including one additional topic, #15.

1. Total number of members on Council **KEEP**
2. Housekeeping change to use gender neutral language **HOUSEKEEPING**
3. Amend Budget timeline to reflect timing of actual Budget process **HOUSEKEEPING**
4. Plats recording language only mentions Galveston County and not Harris County **HOUSEKEEPING**
5. Enforcing Explanation to Mayor and Council Person if they refrain from voting **OMIT**
6. Explore Financial Feasibility of having a City Attorney v. TML Services **OMIT**
7. Form of Government: Council-Manager vs. Mayor-Council **KEEP**
8. Bonds of Officers/City Secretary – Revisit amount of Bonds **HOUSEKEEPING**
9. Removal of Uniform Election Language of 2nd Sentence on page 10 **HOUSEKEEPING**
10. Language of Recall; Page 11 Section 3 **KEEP**
11. Appointment of Corporation Judge requiring 4/5 vote vs. A Simple Majority **KEEP**
12. Review Fire Department Language; Page 28, Section 26 **OMIT**
13. Review newspaper publication and adding form of media (electronically) **OMIT**
14. Mayor's Authority to Appoint/Nominate Committee/Boards within a set timeframe **KEEP**

Added #15 to the list Council Election by District - Single Member District

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEES

Lengthy discussion on how to meet with the Subcommittees for future topics during future dates. Short discussion on selecting the next topics. Two topics selected for the next agenda will be Total Number of Members on Council and District- Single Member District.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEXT MEETING DATE

August 21, 2023

Adjournment

Chairperson Hallisey adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Pat Hallisey, Chairperson

August 21, 2023

Date