

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 2018 – 2:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers/Auditorium. Meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State Law.

1. Roll Call:

PRESENT: George Moses, Edward Stiles, Lynda Walters, John Purcell, Jr., Angela Stone, Amanda Brewer, Pricillia Owens

ABSENT: Jo Peters and Ward 2 Member

ALSO PRESENT: Frank V. Jensen - City Attorney, Tiffani Burk – Deputy City Clerk

2. Consider election of Chairman/Officers.

MOTION by Moses, to elect John P. Purcell, Jr. to serve as Chairman. MOTION FAILED due to lack of a second.

MOTION by Walters, SECOND by Brewer, to elect Angela Stone to serve as Chairman. AYE: Walters, Stone, Brewer, Owens NAY: Moses, Stiles, Purcell. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Moses, SECOND by Walters, to elect a Vice Chairman. Aye: Stiles, Walters, Purcell, Stone, Brewer, Owen. NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Moses, SECOND by Stiles, to elect John P Purcell, Jr. to serve as Vice Chairman. AYE: Stone, Brewer, Owens, Moses, Stiles, Walters NAY: None ABSTAIN: Purcell MOTION CARRIED

3. Discuss process to be undertaken to review the City Charter and submit recommendations to the City Council.

The Committee discussed the process of how they wanted to accept issues and concerns and how they wanted them presented to the committee.

MOTION by Moses to accept the Concurrent/Linear approach to undertake the review of the City Charter. MOTION FAILED due to lack of a second.

MOTION by Brewer to accept Chairman Stone's approach to have members submit proposed changes to the Chairman prior to them being presented to the committee. MOTION FAILED due to lack of a second.

MOTION by Moses, SECOND by Walters to modify his original motion to accept the Concurrent/Linear approach and include entering the issues through the Chairman. Those issues would be presented to the Chairman at the meetings and she would control their submission to the rest of the committee for discussion. AYE: Stone, Brewer, Owens, Moses, Stiles, Walters, Purcell Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion by the committee of the interpretation of the motion and the process. Frank Jensen told the committee that the process that was envisioned by the City Council and that he recommends was that there would be open meetings. A Council Member, Charter Committee Member or Citizen could bring and present their proposals to the committee at the meetings and explain them.

4. Begin the process of reviewing the City Charter or set the date and time for the next meeting to begin the review.

There was discussion by the committee on the following proposal that was brought to the meeting by City Council Member Dwight Tanner:

- To set residency requirements for employees.

Verbatim Amendment:

Section C-8-15 Employee Residency Requirements

In addition to the residency requirements established in the Charter for the positions of City Manager and City Attorney, the City Council by duly enacted ordinance is empowered to establish residency requirements for other employees of the City, whether appointed by the Council or the City Manager. Such residency requirements established by the ordinance shall have prospective application only, and provide a reasonable period of time as determined by the Council for new employees to meet the residency requirements.

Purcell said he did not like the way the proposal is written and it is too nebulous.

Council Member Tanner said he was willing to revise the proposal. He said that he would go back and identify with the city staff what would be considered based on our emergency plan, these critical positions that need to be able to respond in a certain amount of time and present that proposal back to the committee.

Chairman Stone asked Council Member Tanner if he could have that revision done by the next meeting. Council Member Tanner said yes, he would and if he could not, then he would notify the Chairman that he was unable to do that.

The Committee discussed meeting dates and times. Chairman Stone said she would be unavailable until March 29th. She would like to have representation for her ward at the meetings. She also said that since the first proposal was presented by her ward's Council Member that she would like to have her ward represented.

The Committee agreed to meet on a March 21st at 2:30 pm and again on April 2nd at 5:30 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers/Auditorium

5. Adjournment

There was no further business to consider and upon motion, second and roll call vote the committee adjourned at 4:20 pm.