

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 18, 2010 - 10:00 A.M.
NEW CITY HALL – MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor’s Conference Room at the New City Hall. Meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State Law.

1. Roll Call:

PRESENT: Steve Barnes (arrived @ 10:10), Rick Sinnreich, John Purcell, Jr., Minnette Page, John Cameron, Albert Johnson, Sr., Ernest Godlove.

ABSENT: Ken Easton, Emil Vyhldal.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred L. Fitch, Frank V. Jensen - City Attorney, Traci Hushbeck - City Clerk, Kim McConnell - Lawton Constitution.

Mayor Fitch thanked the members of the Charter Review Committee for their hard work. He stated he will call a special meeting of the City Council to discuss the recommendations of the committee.

2. Approve minutes of September 20, 2010.

Cameron stated there needs to be a correction made on Section C-6-1 (d) of the minutes. The last line should read “filing” not “filling”.

MOVED by Page, SECOND by Johnson, to approve the minutes of September 20, 2010 with correction. AYE: Barnes, Sinnreich, Purcell, Page, Cameron, Johnson, Godlove. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Review of the City Charter and take appropriate action if necessary.

The committee took action on the following items:

C-2-2 - Mayor and mayor pro tem.

- a. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the council, and shall ~~prepare and propose agenda for council meetings.~~ ensure an agenda is available for council meetings. He shall be recognized as head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law. He shall have no administrative duties except ~~that he shall to~~ sign such written obligations of the city as the council may require. He shall have the right to vote on questions before the council only in case of a tie, adoption of the annual budget and on motions to appoint, ~~or to suspend,~~ or ~~to remove~~ the city manager,

city attorney or city clerk. The mayor shall present annually a public address on the state of the city at a time and place of his designation, and shall deliver, from time to time, such other messages to the council and citizens of the city as he deems appropriate. The mayor shall have the authority to convene a citizens committee to review and propose revisions to the Strategic Plan.

MOVED by Sinnreich, SECOND by Cameron, to approve the suggested wording. AYE: Barnes, Sinnreich, Purcell, Page, Cameron, Johnson, Godlove. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Sinnreich stated the same wording would need to be corrected in the letter to the Mayor.

MOVED by Godlove, SECOND by Barnes to approve the draft letter to the Mayor from the committee with corrected wording. AYE: Barnes, Sinnreich, Purcell, Page, Cameron, Johnson, Godlove. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Adjournment

There was no further business to consider and upon motion, second and roll call vote the committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.