

MINUTES
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting, April 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

1. Members of the Charter Review Commission met on April 27, 2020 with members LaVonne Bailey, Megan Reamsnyder, Dennis Blair, John Bokros, Larry Jenkins, Mary Johnston, Clerk of Council, Thomas Schmitt, Assistant Director of Law, and Assistant Prosecutor Lauren Swihart present. Also present was Jessica Hilts.

2. The Minutes for the March 19, 2020 meeting were previously provided to members.

Ms. Reamsnyder moved, Ms. Bailey seconded to approve the Minutes as provided.

The Minutes were approved by acclamation. Mr. Bokros abstained due to absence.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

4. **REVIEW COMMISSION'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Schmitt reviewed the recommended amendments to the City Charter. There are six recommended amendments labeled A through F.

- Recommended Amendment A (Notice Publication) – This would amend Article III Section 9 and Section 13 that would allow for electronic notices, remove antiquated “posting” requirements and provide flexibility for modern forms of communication/publication. The Commission approved moving forward with this recommended amendment.
- Recommended Amendment B (Clarify/Conform Current Practice) – This would amend Article III, Section 13(d) and Section 14 regarding effective dates of ordinances, resolutions and motions. The Commission approved moving forward with this recommended amendment.
- Recommended Amendment C (Move Council Start Date) – This would amend Article 111, Section 1 and Section 3 regarding the start of terms and the organizational meeting. The Commission recommends moving the start of the term to January 1 and the Organization meeting to “at the first meeting of each odd numbered year”.
- Recommended Amendment D (State Law – City Manager/Assistant City Manager) – This would amend Article IV Section and Section 3 by removing provisions unenforceable under state law pertaining to residency requirements. The Commission approved moving forward with this recommended amendment.
- Recommended Amendment E (State Law – Recall) – This would amend Article X Section 2 to utilize elements/procedures from state’s recall statute. The Commission approved the following changes: time to deliver petition to 90 or 120 days depending on research by Mr. Schmitt; time for Director of Finance to validate signatures through Board of Elections to 30/40 days after researching peer communities; and time frame to validate signatures to match state law.

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- Recommended Amendment F (Personnel Review Board) – This would allow Personnel Review Board members to also serve on Volunteer Police/Fire Dependents Boards. The Commission approved moving forward with this recommended amendment.

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5. **REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED**

None. The deadline to submit comments ended in March.

6. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None.

7. **NEXT MEETING IS MAY 11, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

The Commission will be meeting via Zoom to review the recommended amendments before being represented to City Council for review.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bokros moved, Ms. Reamsnyder seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Mary J. Johnston
Secretary