

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2020

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*Depends on state law
 Pass Ordinance
 #35 to change
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***NEW SUBMISSION* Contact the Westerville Charter Review Commission**

1 message

Westerville, OH <westerville@enotify.visioninternet.com>
To: "charter@westerville.org" <charter@westerville.org>

Fri, Jan 24, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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Fwd: *NEW SUBMISSION* Contact the Westerville Charter Review Commission

Christa Dickey <christa.dickey@westerville.org>

Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 5:24 PM

To: charter@westerville.org

Cc: Erica Charles <erica.charles@westerville.org>, David Collinsworth <david.collinsworth@westerville.org>

Dear Charter Review Commission Members:

This email came in just before the group email was activated. You should have three emails for residents to-date: two from Peg Duffey and this email from Mr. Heyeck.

Thank you,
Christa Dickey
Community Affairs Director
City of Westerville

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From: **Westerville, OH** <westerville@enotify.visioninternet.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 9:08 AM

Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* Contact the Westerville Charter Review Commission

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Thanks, Mike Heyeck

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Thanks,
Dave

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Article VII: Planning Commission

In regard to the eligibility for appointment to the Westerville Planning Commission, I recommend that members' qualifications be expanded to require a professional background in one of the following fields:

Accounting	Law
Architecture	Lending/Finance
City/Regional Planning	Real Estate
Engineering	Taxation
Communications Technology	Transportation
Construction	Utilities
Environmental Services	

I'm sure the Charter Review Commission will be able to add to and refine the disciplines above to create a reasonable list of desirable backgrounds.

Rationale

A Council-Manager form of government has traditionally been viewed as one of Westerville's strengths. It leads to a high level of professionalism in the city's day-to-day functions, and sometimes removes a degree of excessive political influence. That professionalism has served Westerville well.

When a proposal is submitted to Planning Commission, a party may at times spend tens of thousands of dollars just getting through this process. The City of Westerville also may have millions of long-term dollars at stake involving jobs, tax revenue, incentives, etc. In some communities, I have witnessed officials unable to comprehend the implications of proposals before them. Through the years, I have seen communities being avoided by certain developers because of the "Amateur Night" experiences they have encountered.

Raising the professional qualifications for Westerville Planning Commission will be a promotable factor as the city attempts to attract higher-quality developments/redevelopments. I'm sure it will be noticed and appreciated by those in Central Ohio who deal in such projects, and will make Westerville appear as a more attractive venue for their efforts.

If anyone believes that the City of Westerville would not be able to attract enough professionals to serve, I think it's also worth considering the possibility of hiring professionals and paying a small stipend. The old argument that this is a method of citizen review is a weak one. People have the opportunity to express opinions at hearings, and their elected representatives at City Council are also approachable.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Oleyar
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2020 Charter Review

2 messages

Steve Thomas <stevethomas614@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 8:38 AM

To: Mary.Johnston@westerville.org

Mary - below are my comments which you can share with Larry Jenkins and the charter review commission members.

Charter Review Commission Members,

You have identified several good proposed items and recommendations during the 2020 charter review process. Clearly, if the residency requirement for the city manager and the assistant city manager is a violation of state law, that requirement needs to be changed.

Also noteworthy, the proposed move of council terms' start and end dates to line up with the calendar year - this makes good sense. I was a member of the 2010 charter review commission, and frankly, I think we missed the issue about the December 1 date for council's reorganization meeting. Considering a change for the date of this meeting (when all members and staff can attend) also makes good sense.

You have conducted a detailed and thorough review of the city's charter to assure for better alignment with current state law. From the 2010 review process, I recall that the charter is lengthy - thank you for the time and effort you have put forth with the 2020 review process.

Steve Thomas

Sent from my iPad

Mary Johnston <mary.johnston@westerville.org>

Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 8:42 AM

To: reamsnyder.megan@gmail.com, "Blair, Dennis" <dblair@blairit.com>, john bokros <johnbokros115@gmail.com>, Larry Jenkins <ljenkins@hrserve.net>, Lavonne Bailey <lbailey0621@gmail.com>, Thomas Schmitt <tschmitt@metzbailey.com>, Lauren Swihart <lswihart@metzbailey.com>

All,

Please see the comments below submitted by Steve Thomas who served on the 2010 Charter Review Commission. I will add these to the spreadsheet and resend.

Thanks, Mary

[Quoted text hidden]

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