

March 9, 2017 Charter Review Minutes

Members Present: Ron Balbier; Ron Campbell; Dick Kistemaker; Sue Grodek; Tom Hites; Fran Barrett

Absent: Denise Folger; Jerry Hayes; Carl Ethridge

Discussed the language clean-up issue

Discussed putting a whole new charter on ballot or individual issues. Dir. Butler discussed multiple ways to put issues on ballot in his memo to the commission

It was decided to put individual Charter issues on the ballot

Ron gave examples from other cities for run-off of mayor. Mayor should be elected by 50% of vote. If multiple people run and a person does not get elected by 50% then the top 2 people will have a run-off

Article 3 Section 2 Qualifications – Discussion. The Commission agreed to recommend replacing the second sentence in this section with the following: “He/she shall not hold any other public, compensated elective office; and he/she shall not hold any other public position over which Council has control within the Municipality.”

Article 3 Section 3 – Discussion. Removal of a Council person. Need 2/3 of peers to remove or maintain. Dir. Butler to get language

Article 3 Section 4 Vacancies – Discussion. He/She Successor duly elected for the unexpired term

Article 3 Section 6 Organization – Discussion. Council shall elect President and Pro-Tem. Decided by most votes. What if there is a tie situation? Seniority? Term not beyond next Organizational meeting. Electoral vote. Discussed the Ethics opinion on the matter. Discussion held on primary and run-off elections. Nominate 2 people and leave it to a group of 5, 3 votes to win. Shall a majority of those voting and not abstaining elect a council pres. Lower the vote total.

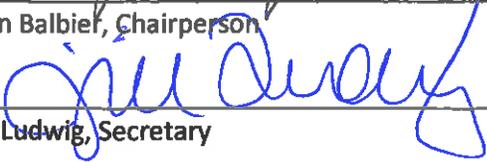
The Commission agreed to modify the second sentence of this section to read as follows: “At such organization meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Council shall by majority vote of those voting and not abstaining elect one Councilmember as President of Council, one Councilmember as President Pro-Tem of Council, one Councilmember as a member of the City Planning Commission, and one Councilmember as a member of the Recreation Board, each to serve for the balance of that year and until his/her successor shall have been elected unless he/she shall cease in the meantime to be Councilmember.”

Revisit Runoff language. Dir. Butler will send examples of runoff elections from other charters at the Commission’s request.

Members agreed to adjourn.



Ron Balbier, Chairperson



Jill Ludwig, Secretary

*****Running List of Suggestions:

- Election of Council President
- Number of votes required on all Council action Art 11. Sec 5
- Obligation Roll Call vote Art III Sec 8a
- Qualifications in General -issue of serving in other offices Art 3. Sec 2
- Term of Office Art 3 Sec 1
- What and who determines a justifiable excuse for missing a meeting Art 3 Sec 3
- Removal of Council Person Art 3 Sec 3
- General verses Run-off election
- Abstention regarding influencing vote total
- Cut-off of Council President term and the other elected positions, Planning Commission and Rec Board