

April 13, 2017 Charter Review Summary Minutes

Members Present: Ron Balbier; Dick Kistemaker; Ron Campbell; Carl Ethridge; Denise Folger; Tom Hites; Sue Grodek; Jerry Hayes; Fran Barrett

Also Present: Kevin Butler, Law Director

More discussion of Council President scenarios; referenced ethics commission opinion letter.

Majority of votes cast without abstaining. 2 abstain then it becomes a 5 vote count.

What if others abstain? Then it is 2 out of 3 votes

Commission agreed to vote on entire list of potential charter changes at the end.

Chairman Balbier brought up Kathy Pucci's letter pertaining to the Clerk of Council. Who controls the Clerk of Council? Who does the Clerk of Council report to? What department are they paid out of? What are the functions of the Clerk of Council? The role needs to be defined.

It used to be the Finance Director's appointee – however that language was removed in the last Charter Change in 2011. Need additional language to provide for a Council Clerk. Currently the position is titled Assistant Clerk of Council.

Currently, the position is called Assistant Clerk of Council and is a bargaining unit position. The position reports to both the Mayor and Council. Paid out of Council budget.

Discussion of what the position currently does now. The Asst. Clerk of Council performs all of the duties that a Clerk of Council would perform.

Discussion of the effect of the position being in a collective bargaining unit. Who takes over when the Asst Clerk of Council cannot perform duties if sick or on vacation? Bumping process.

If Council appoints – the position will not be in a collective bargaining agreement.

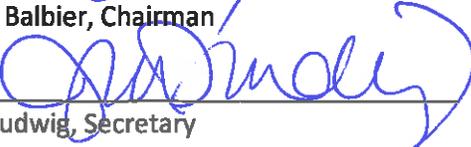
Dir Butler to research how other cities appoint a Clerk of Council. Examples of language.

Brief mention of reducing the size of Council from 7 members to 5 members. Get oldest copy of Charter to see how many council members there were.

Discuss of both items further at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Ron Balbier, Chairman

  
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Jill Ludwig, Secretary