

MINUTES Thursday,
May 9,
2013

3:30 p.m.

Charter Carnegie
Revision Town Hall
Commission
Meetings 235 West
10th
Street

Members Present: Pauline Poletes, Dennis Aanenson, Dick Gregerson and De Knudson

Members Absent: Robert Thimjon

Staff Present: David Pfeifle, City Attorney; Lorie Hogstad, CMC, City Clerk; David Bixler, Budget Analyst; Jim David, Legislative/Operations Manager; and Tamara Jorgensen, CMC, Assistant City Clerk

Call To Order

1.

Commission Chair Pauline Poletes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval Of Minutes

A. September 20, 2012

A motion was made by Dick Gregerson and seconded by Dennis Aanenson to approve the minutes. Commission Chair Poletes called for a voice vote and all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

There was none.

4. New Business

Ground Rules for Commission Votes - Majority vs. Super-Majority

A.

i. Public Input

City Attorney David Pfeifle reviewed the ground rules for commission votes for placement of an item on the ballot. Pfeifle provided an update on the prior practice of using a 'super majority vote' (four of the five members) for an item for ballot placement. He stated that the ballot decisions/super majority votes would be determined at the January, 2014 Charter Meeting for items to be added to the April, 2014, ballot.

Potential Proposals from Citizens, if any

B.

i. Public Input

There was none.

C.

Potential Proposals from City Departments, if any

i. Public Input

There was none.

Potential Proposals from the City Council, if any

D.

i. Public Input

Council Member Greg Jamison spoke and requested reconsideration of items submitted last year for review. After a brief discussion, it was determined that these topics can be brought back for additional review. These items will be reviewed at the Charter Revision Commission Meeting on September 12, 2013. Jamison will submit his proposals to Pfeifle for inclusion on this Agenda.

Commission Member Bob Thimjon arrived at this time.

E. Potential Proposals from the Charter Revision Commission, if any

i. Public Input

Pfeifle stated that there is a copy of the Model City Charter, Eighth Edition, available for review during the meeting and will be available at future meetings.

Pfeifle clarified the list that was being reviewed by the Commission. It is a synopsis of items discussed at the working sessions and areas of the Charter where further analysis or inquiry was requested. A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes as the final page. The "updates" column reflects the action requested by the Commission for each item. The

shaded areas represent Charter
Sections that will be removed from further consideration by this
Commission.

Council Member Rex Rolwing spoke regarding Charter Section
2.01. He asked if the main
power in the City Charter was given to the City Council. Discussion
followed.

Gregerson asked if "Conflicts of Interest" had been discussed and asked about the
policy of the City Council when there is a conflict of interest. Pfeifle
stated this information is provided in Section 7.01 and 7.02. Discussion
followed.

Gregerson asked about filing financial documents before a Council Member assumes
a position. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commission Member Bob Thimjon and seconded by
Commission Member Dennis Aanenson to cancel the Charter Revision
Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by De Knudson and seconded by Dennis Aanenson to adjourn the
meeting at 4:25 p.m. Poletes called for a voice vote and all members
present voted yes. Motion Passed.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC

Assistant City Clerk

Attachment for Item 4E

Charter Subject matter Inquiry/Discussion
Updates
Section

05/09/13:

After
Legislative
discussion,
2.01 duties vested Should "legislative" duties be defined within Charter
consensus is
with City
Council to remove this
item from
further

consideration.

05/09/13:

After

discussion,

consensus is

for the City

Should terminology be changed so that Councilors terms st
art the third Attorney to
2.02 Terms of meeting of the month of May rather than a specific day; a
llows flexibility draft ballot
elected office if specific day of meetings changed.
language for

review at the

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05/09/13:

After

Vacancies; Attendance requirement based on regular monthly meeting;
inquired whether to discussion,
2.06 forfeitures of change to "regular meeting" to provide more strict attend
ance policy by consensus is
(c)(5) office Charter.
to remove this

item from

further

consideration.

05/09/13:

Council is

After

judge of

discussion,

2.07 qualifications General inquiry whether second sentence on additional sta
ndards of conduct consensus is
for holding should be reviewed by Commission
to remove this
office

item from
further
consideration.

05/09/13:

After
States that a smaller number of Councilors may adjourn fr
om time to time and discussion,
2.11(c) Voting compel the attendance of absent members. Questioned wheth
er any change consensus is
needed.
to remove this

item from
further
consideration.

05/09/13:

After
discussion,
consensus is
for the City
Updating the
Attorney to
2.14 Code of Recodification every twenty years, should it be changed t
o reflect 2012 as draft ballot
Ordinances the last time it was completed.
language for

review at the

September 12,

2013 Charter

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Meeting.

05/09/13:

Powers of
3.01 Mayor Add to
Should the Charter define "administrative"?
CRC Agenda for

September 12,

2013

05/09/13:

After

discussion,

consensus is

for the City

Terms of

Attorney to

3.02 office of
h, providing
Mayor
ings changes.

Should it be changed to reflect third meeting of the mont
draft ballot
flexibility in case the specific day of the week for meet
language for

review at the

September 12,

2013 Charter

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05/09/13:

Should termination of City Attorney also require City Cou
ncil approval if Add to
4.03 City Attorney during the four-year appointed term?
CRC Agenda for

September 12,

2013

Inquiry into whether Charter should clarify that an at-la
rge councilor must 05/09/13:
reside in City. Charter Section 2.06(c)(3) states it is a
forfeiture Add to

6.01 City Elections of office for any City Councilor to fail to maintain resi
dency in city CRC Agenda for
limits, or within in their district if by district.
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2013

05/09/13:

Article

Add to

8 Petitions
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General inquiry into whether it should be reviewed furthe
CRC Agenda for

September 12,

2013