



CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
June 13, 2018

The Charter Review Commission meeting of June 13, 2018 was called to order by Chairman Daniel Ivancic at 6:03 pm in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Michael Casadonte; Daniel Ivancic; Thomas Thielman; Donald Zimmerman; and Joseph Yesilosky.

Absent: Linda Lipovec-excused; Camaron Mays; Mark Ozanick-excused; Joseph Turi-excused

Reading and Approval of Minutes

After reading the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Casadonte, that the minutes be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Zimmerman reported that he had a conversation with Council President Levon, during which Mr. Levon noted he was pleased that the feelings of this commission are unanimous in regards to the issue of mandatory zoning referendum.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Ivancic shared his observations from reading the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Charter Review Commission meeting. He does not agree with the thinking that if an elected official is not doing a good job, he or she will not be re-elected. He feels there is a logic gap with term limits. He commented that just because someone “feels” something is true, does not mean it is.

Mr. Ivancic directed the discussion to Council Composition; Election of Council President; and Term Limits/Staggered Terms/Length of Terms.

Council Composition – The feeling among those present was that seven is a good number of council seats. Mr. Yesilosky and Mr. Casadonte feel seven is a good number considering the current population of the City. Mr. Thielman commented that with a lower number, too much power would be concentrated in fewer people, especially in light of the possibility of council being able to approve zoning changes in the future. Mr. Zimmerman has not found anything that is compelling a change. Mr. Ivancic agrees with the number of seven.

A motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Casadonte, that discussion concerning the size of council be closed and that this commission does not recommend a change. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Election of Council President – Many thoughts and ideas were presented concerning Council President being elected from the residents versus being elected from within. Four commission members present are in favor of the Council President being elected by the electorate. Mr. Thielman who would prefer that the Council President be elected by the body; proof of his or her ability would be in the actions observed at council meetings. Mr. Yesilosky does not feel that the manner in which the Council President is elected has any bearing on how the business of the city is affected. Mr. Zimmerman feels the commission would need a rather strong reason to recommend a change because after having spoken to council members, he found they are not going to be in favor of a change. Mr. Ivancic will complete a summary of the pros and cons of the opinions on election of Council President to assist the commission in coming to a conclusion at a future meeting.

Term Limits – The commission members present at this meeting are split on proposing any change to term limits.

Staggered Terms – Mr. Thielman is for staggered terms, which he feels would create more interest in the positions. The others present at this meeting are opposed to recommending a change.

Length of Terms – The majority of those present at this meeting would not propose a change to four-year terms.

Mr. Ivancic will organize these thoughts for further discussion when more commission members are present.

Public Comment

Resident Dan Bishop stated that he would like to see three-year terms. He feels that the City of Wickliffe should mirror other municipalities (e.g. Willoughby, Solon, Aurora) that have the best over-all ratings. Mr. Zimmerman shared a discussion he had with a former mayor of another city wherein she stated she would rather see council elections staying on cycle with mayoral elections since staggered terms can foster opportunity for dissension in politics.

Other

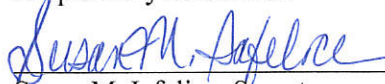
Mr. Zimmerman commented that he would like to visit neighbors to hear their thoughts on various topics that the Charter Review Commission has been discussing. He would like to personally invite any interested residents to attend a future meeting.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Yesilosky, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted:



Susan M. Iafelice, Secretary

Approved:



Daniel Ivancic, Chairman