



CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
February 28, 2018

The Charter Review Commission meeting of February 28, 2018 was called to order by Chairman Ivancic at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

The following were present at roll call:

Michael Casadonte; Daniel Ivancic; Linda Lipovec; Camaron Mays; Joseph Turi; Joseph Yesilosky; Donald Zimmerman.

Members excused: Mark Ozanick, Thomas Thielman

Reading and Approval of Minutes

After reading the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Communications

There were no communications. For the benefit of the newest commission members, Mr. Ivancic explained that while there will be discussions (some ongoing), no motion will be made on any given topic unless all members were present.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Ivancic will create an *Action Item* list, which will include items that the Charter Review Commission has noted as requiring further review and discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Article III The Council

Section III-4. Vacancies.

Mr. Zimmerman commented that there is merit in eliminating special elections for filling vacancies. After discussion, it was concluded that any proposed change to this section could affect one or more subsections.

Section III-5. Salaries.

Ms. Lipovec questioned how council's salary increases are determined; however, the answer was not available. As far as other compensation for elected officials, it was reported that there is currently legislation on city council's agenda that, if passed, will make healthcare benefits available only to full-time employees of the city. Mr. Turi posed a question for future discussion: Should the Charter address benefits for elected officials or just salaries for elected officials?

Section III-6. Organization.

No comments.

Section III-7. Meetings.

No comments.

Section III-8. Special Meetings.

Mr. Yesilosky commented on the *12-hour written notice* of a special meeting. This timeframe does not seem sufficient; perhaps 24 hours is a more reasonable amount of time.

Section III-9. Quorum.

No comments.

Section III-10. Employees of Council.

No comments.

Section III-11. Ordinances and Resolutions; Procedure.

There was discussion concerning the posting of ordinances and resolutions *in not less than five of the most public places in the City*. Should *current technology* be included as an additional place of posting?

Other discussion included the law that *ordinances and resolutions may not contain more than one subject*.

Section III-12. Effective Date of Ordinances and Resolutions.

No comments.

Section III-13. Emergency Ordinances and Resolutions.

It was decided that this entire section merits future clarification and discussion, including: *emergency ordinances providing for the appropriation of money, or for an annual tax levy, or for improvements petitioned for by the owners...of the foot frontage of the property benefitted and to be specially assessed therefor....*

Section III-14. General Provisions.

Mr. Turi requested clarification for *(b) The procedure for making public improvements and levying assessments, including the procedure for combining two or more public improvements...in one proceeding....*

Article IV – The Mayor

Section IV-1. Term of Office.

Questions that arose: How is it determined that the position of Mayor is part-time? Should there be an option for a mayor to serve more than two consecutive terms?

Section IV-2. Qualifications

No comments.

Section IV-3. Removal.

No comments.

Section IV-4. Judicial Powers.

No comments.

Section IV-5. Legislative Powers.

No comments.

Section IV-6. Veto Powers.

No comments.

Public Comment –

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Ivancic called for Public Comment. There being no one in the audience, Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed.

Section IV-7. Executive Powers.

Should an *Annual Report* be required of the Mayor?

Section IV-8. The President of Council.

In the event the office of mayor should become vacant and the president of council succeeds the mayor, should it be clearly stated what the salary of that person shall be?

Other –

In preparation of the next meeting, Chairman Ivancic asked that members read *Article V-Administrative Officers and Departments; Article VI-The Civil Service Commission; and Article VII-Planning Commission, Zoning Ordinance, and Board of Zoning Appeals.*


Mr. Ivancic will invite the Law Director to the next meeting to clarify some questions that have arisen thus far.

Adjournment –

Motion was made by Camaron Mays and seconded by Don Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. By show of hands, all were in favor and none were opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted:



Susan M. Iafelice, Secretary

Approved:



Daniel Ivancic, Chairperson