



**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**December 12, 2018**

The Charter Review Commission meeting of December 12, 2018 was called to order by Chairman Daniel Ivancic at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Linda Lipovec; Donna White

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

After reading the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Turi, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the minutes be approved as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Communications - None**

**Old Business**

Law Director Zele was present to answer any questions from the Charter Review Commission members. He asked Mr. Ivancic to confirm that it is the desire of the commission that Mandatory Zoning Referendum be removed from the Charter, but to incorporate in the Charter the process by which Council may change zoning. Mr. Ivancic explained that the commission would like a method for persons to take a disagreement to the voters, while including defined guidelines. Mr. Zele cautioned that while the Charter can include Mandatory Zoning Referendum, the zoning procedure should not be chartered due to the fact that state laws can change and any time a law would change, it would need to go back to the voters, which would be difficult and expensive. He is not aware of any cities that have zoning processes spelled out in their Charters.

Mayor Barbish commented that it can be stipulated by ordinance, that zoning changes cannot be circumvented with an emergency action; three readings would be required.

After much discussion, Mr. Zimmerman summarized that the opinion of the Charter Review Commission is:

- 1) Council can set zoning however they choose it to be;
- 2) A zoning change cannot be an emergency;
- 3) A zoning change must go before Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission;
- 4) Voters have 30 days to object.

Mr. Zele spoke at this time. He stated that he will compose language for the Charter Review Commission to review and then present to Council.

He understands the opinion of the Charter Review Commission in regards to Civil Service positions [Eliminate Building Commissioner and Building Department Inspector from Civil Service.]

He also understands the opinion of the Charter Review Commission in regards to Term Limits for Council positions [Three consecutive, four-year terms would be the limit for a person elected to any one City Council position.]

**Other** - None

**Public Comment** - There was no one in the audience wishing to offer comment.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Ozanick, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.*

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Susan M. Iafelice, Secretary

Approved:

  
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Daniel Ivancic, Chairman