



CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
January 23, 2019

The Charter Review Commission meeting of January 23, 2019 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; Linda Lipovec; Mark Ozanick; Joseph Yesilosky; Donald Zimmerman.

Absent: Thomas Thielman; Joseph Turi; Donna White

Reading and Approval of Minutes

After reading the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Casadonte, seconded by Mr. Yesilosky, that the minutes be approved as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Communications

There were no communications.

Old Business

Law Director Zele presented draft legislation for the three topics the Commission will be presenting to Council for approval; i.e., revision of Term Limits for Council; removal of Building Department positions from Civil Service classification; and revision of Mandatory Zoning Referendum. Mr. Zele explained that these ordinances will not need to be emergency measures since there is ample time to present to Council for three readings, giving the public the opportunity to ask questions and giving Council time to deliberate.

Mr. Zimmerman asked if it would be proper for the Commission to present a cover letter to Council stating the feelings of the Commission in regards to these three topics. Mr. Zele replied that it would certainly be acceptable to do so.

*RE: Proposed change to Article VI-The Civil Service Commission
Section 3. Duties*

Mr. Zele explained that the language for the Civil Service legislation (copy attached) is written to not include the positions of Building Commissioner and Building Inspectors as Civil Service classified positions. This change would return the section back to how it stood prior to the Charter change in 2008.

*RE: Proposed change to Article XI-Initiative, Referendum and Recall
Section 3. Mandatory Zoning Referendum*

Mr. Zele explained that the language for the Mandatory Zoning Referendum legislation (copy attached) including elimination of the word ‘mandatory’, would prevent any proposed zoning change to be passed as an emergency measure and that the voters would have the right to appeal any proposed zoning change. Mr. Zele explained that there are ordinances in place that cover the procedure by which zoning changes may take place. He emphasized that voters will always have the right to petition to place an issue on the ballot.

Mayor Barbish commented on the importance of the passage of this legislation.

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*RE: Proposed change to Article III-The Council
Section 1. Composition, Term and Qualifications*

Mr. Zele explained that the only thing changed in this legislation (copy attached) is the language that no person would ever serve as a member of council for more than three consecutive terms. He understands what this Commission has in mind; however, his opinion is that there is no logic in the thought of not placing limits on the positions councilpersons may hold. Mr. Ivancic explained that the Commission would like a well-qualified person to be able to remain a member of council by being elected to another council position even after a maximum of 12 consecutive years.

Mayor Barbish commented that he agrees with Mr. Zele's opinion. If a councilperson is able to remain in office indefinitely by being elected to various council positions, why keep term limits for the position of Mayor. He feels there should be term limits for all elected officials.

Mr. Ivancic stated that after the time spent thoroughly discussing this topic, the Commission's motion made to propose a change to term limits should stand. With a unanimous vote of those present, the motion stands. Mr. Zele will rewrite the proposed legislation for review at the next Charter Review Commission meeting.

Other

None

Public Comment

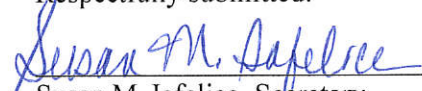
Mayor Barbish reiterated that he is in favor of term limits for council because people become complacent, explaining that he sees people who have been here for more than a decade asking questions at council meetings that they should already know the answer to.

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 6:48 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted:



Susan M. Iafelice, Secretary

Approved:



Daniel Ivancic, Chairman