



**CITY OF SUGAR LAND**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**

**POSTED PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**5:00 PM**

**Charter Review Commission Meeting**

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**I. MINUTES**

- A. Consideration of and action on the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting.

*Thomas Harris III, Interim City Secretary*

A motion to **Approve**, Item I-A, minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Jack Molho, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: DeMont, Dunmore-Mondt, Gornet, Jacobson, Molho

**II. CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS**

- A. Conduct interviews and receive feedback from the Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the City Manager regarding possible revisions to the City Charter.

*Meredith Riede, City Attorney*

Meredith Riede, City Attorney, gave comments and answered questions of the Commission.

Chairman Gornet introduced the Mayor, City Council Members, and City Manager for interview and feedback regarding the Charter:

**Joe Zimmerman, Mayor:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to the City Charter as follows:

- If a district council member or an at-large Council runs for Mayor, they should have to resign-to-run.
- If a member of the City Council runs for another office, other than Mayor, they should have to resign-to-run.
- Review and discuss the possibility of changing Council terms and term limits to two, four-year terms.

**Steve Porter, Council Member District 1:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to City Charter as follows:

- Require the Mayor and At-Large Council Members to live in the city while serving on the City Council.
- Add a resign-to-run provision, when members of the City Council decided to run for another office.
- Review and discuss the possibility of revising Council terms and term limits to three, three-year terms.
- Does not think the Commission should look at increasing the number of Council Members.

**Carol McCutcheon, Council Member District 4:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to City Charter as follows:

- Does not think the Commission should look at increasing the number of Council Members.
- Due to the increase in the city's population, the Commission should look at changing terms and term limits on City Council to three, three-year terms.
- Designating the City Attorney or City Secretary as the Parliamentarian.

**Amy Mitchell, Council Member District 3:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to City Charter as follows:

- Encouraged a review of previous Commissions' work, and see if there are issue that are applicable to bring forward for Council's consideration again.
- Would be in favor of the Commission looking into the possibility of extended terms for City Council.
- Did not have specific suggestions for the Commission to consider.
- Stated it is up to the Commission to decide what to, or not to, bring forward as possible charter amendments.

**Bridget Yeung, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member District 2:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to City Charter as follows:

- Is not in favor of changing terms and term limits on the City Council to

three, three-year terms.

- Is in favor of keeping terms on Council to two-year terms.
- If a Council Member runs for another position on City Council, they should have to resign-to-run.
- If a Council Member runs for another position, outside of City Council, and cannot fulfill their duties on the City Council, they should have to resign their position on the City Council.
- Revise the language regarding the scheduling of City Council meetings, to allow more flexibility of when meetings are scheduled.

**Allen Bogard, City Manager:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to the City Charter as follows:

- The possibility of adding a resign-to-run provision, especially when a Council Member becomes a candidate for an at-large position on the Council; or becomes a candidate in a partisan race.
- Look at adding parliamentary procedures and rules of conduct for City Council meetings.
- Consider revisions, as necessary, to the appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council.

**Jennifer Lane, Council Member At-Large Position 2:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to the City Charter (as presented to the Commission by Meredith Riede, City Attorney) as follows:

- Does not support a resign-to-run provision imposed on Council Members that run for an outside office.
- Is in favor of the possibility of a resign-to-run provision when a Council Member runs for Mayor or an at-large council position.
- Not in favor of extending terms for City Council to three-year terms.
- Not in favor of amendments that require the issuance of bonds to go before the voters.

**Meredith Riede, City Attorney:**

Gave comments, and suggested revisions to the City Charter as follows:

- Administrative revisions will be conducted during this process, as outlined in Section 1.07 of the Charter.
- Revise Sections 2.03 and 2.05 to clarify that the Mayor is also term limited; and correct typos and references to "council member" versus "councilmen" throughout the Charter.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to **Approve**, Adjournment at 7:08 P.M., was made by David Gornet and seconded by Jack Molho, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: DeMont, Dunmore-Mondt, Gornet, Jacobson, Molho

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**Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary**

