



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

POSTED PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4:30 PM

Charter Review Commission Meeting

QUORUM PRESENT

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Citizens who desire to address the Charter Review Commission with regards to matters on the agenda will be received at this time. The number of speakers will be limited to the first five (5) speakers, and each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. Citizens wishing to submit written comments may do so to the Commission Secretary, prior to the posted convening time of the meeting, and must provide seven (7) copies for the Commissioners and the record. Comments or discussions by the Commission will only be made as related to revisions of the City's Charter.**

No one appeared before the Commission.

II. MINUTES

- A. Consideration of and action on the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting.**

Thomas Harris III, Interim City Secretary

A motion to **Approve**, Item II-A minutes, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Tom DeMont, the motion **Passed**.

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

III. CHARTER

- A.** Review of and discussion on City of Sugar Land Charter, Article I - General Provisions.

Meredith Riede, City Attorney

Meredith Riede, City Attorney gave comments and answered questions from the Board regarding the following:

Article 1:

- No recommended changes

Commission consensus to recommend no changes to City of Sugar Land Charter, Article I.

- B.** Review of and discussion on the City of Sugar Land Charter, Article II - The Council.

Meredith Riede, City Attorney

Meredith Riede, City Attorney gave comments and answered questions from the Board regarding the following:

Article 2:

- Address recommended changes to Section 2.01 and Section 2.03 simultaneously
 - Term Limitations:
 - Commission consensus to propose two, three-year term limits on City Council; term limited members must sit out one-year before being eligible to run for City Council again; have the City Attorney & City Secretary bring back recommendations for staggering terms for two, three-year term limits; keeping City elections in May; and not recommending an increase in the number of members on City Council.
- Section 2.02 Qualifications:
 - Commission consensus to recommend the Mayor and City Council must reside in the city two-years in order to be eligible to run for office; the Mayor and At-Large City Council Members must reside in the city limits throughout their term in office; and for the City Attorney to clarify the definition of "reside" versus "maintain a residence" in the city.
- Section 2.03 Term Limitations

- Commission consensus to merge Section 2.03 with Section 2.01, exercising powers afforded in Section 1.07 - Non-Substantive Revisions in the City Charter.
- Section 2.04 Compensation:
 - Commission consensus to not recommend any changes to compensation for the City Council.
- Section 2.05 The Mayor:
 - Commission consensus to not recommending any changes.
- Section 2.06 Vacancies
 - Commission consensus to postpone this item to the January 23, 2019 meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to **Approve**, Adjournment at 5:35 p.m., was made by Tom DeMont and seconded by Jack Molho, the motion **Passed**.

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

Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary

