



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

POSTED PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

4:00 PM

Charter Review Commission Meeting

QUORUM PRESENT

I. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. PUBLIC HEARING 4:00 P.M.:** Receive and hear all Sugar Land Residents desiring to be heard on the review of the City of Sugar Land Charter.

David Gornet, Chair

No one appeared before the Commission.

II. MINUTES

- A.** Consideration of and action on the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting.

Thomas Harris III, Interim City Secretary

A motion to **Approve**, Item II-A Minutes, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Jack Molho, the motion **Passed**.

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

III. CHARTER

- A.** 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 Commission regarding the following:

2.01 Election & Terms

- Commission consensus to have staggered three-year terms. If Charter propositions are placed on the 2020 ballot, then 3-year terms would begin in 2021 for District and 2022 for Mayor/At-Large. Those elected into their first two-year term of office in 2019 or 2020 would be eligible to run for an additional two 3-year terms. Those elected into office as incumbents in the 2019/2020 election would be eligible to run for one additional three-year term.

2.02 Qualifications

- Commission consensus to clarify that the Mayor & At-Large positions must also live within the city during their terms. Further define residency requirement by adding the need to provide driver's license and voter registration card.

2.03 Term Limitations

- Commission consensus to have term limits set to twice in any consecutive six-year period, unless running for Mayor. Clarify that the Mayor's position is also limited to two terms. And, place term limitations as a sub-section of Section 2.01.

2.06 Vacancies

- Commission consensus to use language provided by State statute in regards to filling vacancies for 3-year terms; and strike "shall" and insert "may" in sub-sections (a) and (b) in this section. Also to remove time limit in sub-section (b) to fill a vacancy by appointment.

2.08 Council Meetings

- Commission consensus:
 - Meetings twice per month without designating the day. Must publish a calendar by the end of each December listing the scheduled meetings for the upcoming calendar year. Changes to the calendar shall only be made in extenuating circumstances by a majority vote of the Council.
 - Add "unless a super majority is mandated by state law" to affirmative voting language in sub-section (b). Add provision mirroring Sec. 2-41 of Code of Ordinances requiring a vote unless prohibited by law. Clarification on electronic voting. Remove reference to "recorded in a book" with regards to retention of ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Council.

- "death or disability" is too restricting in sub-section (c). Consider adding disqualifications and resignations. Clarify that it's *scheduled* not "required" meetings.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV Adjournment at 6:00 p.m., was made by Jack Molho and seconded by Tom DeMont, the motion **Passed**.

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

Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary

