



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

POSTED PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

3:00 PM

Charter Review Commission Meeting

QUORUM PRESENT

All members present except for Commissioner Dunmore-Mondt.

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 ten (10) 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 member of the public addressed the Commission.

II. MINUTES

- A. Consideration of and action on the minutes of February 6, 2019.**

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, Gornet, Jacobson, Molho

Absent: Dunmore-Mondt

III. CHARTER

A. Review of and discussion on the City of Sugar Land Charter.

Meredith Riede, City Attorney

Meredith Riede, City Attorney, gave comments and answered questions from the Commission:

Article 2 Add Disqualifications

- Commission consensus to add disqualifications to the City Charter with the following language presented as the judge of qualifications:
 - The City Council shall be the sole judge of the election and whether the qualifications set herein and by law have been met by its members and of the grounds for forfeiture of their offices. For these purposes, the City Council shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of evidence. Decisions by the City Council as to election and qualifications of its members shall be considered final.

Article 2.10 Communication through City Manager:

- Commission consensus to add the following language:
 - Neither the City Council nor any of its individual members nor anyone at the request or behest of a council member shall interfere with the daily operations of the City nor shall they direct or give orders to any City Officer or employee who is subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager except through the City Manager.

Article 2 Add Resign to Run:

- Commission consensus to add resign to run provisions and to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Article 2.08 (c) Council Meetings

- Commission consensus to revise as follows:
 - If, because of the death, incapacitation, disqualification, resignation, and recall of council members, there are an insufficient number of council members for a quorum for two or more consecutive council meetings that are required to be held under the Charter, the remaining member or members are sufficient in number to act as a quorum until the next required council meeting is held at which four or more council members are in attendance.
- Commission consensus to make no changes to quorum language.

Article 3:

- 3.04 (a) - Petition Signatures: Commission consensus of 15% for number of registered voters for petition signatures for all categories; same threshold for each.
- 3.02 (c) - Requirements for all petitions: Commission consensus to change to all petitions in a form provided by the City Secretary.
- 3.03 - Requirements applicable to specific petitions; Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.05 - Submission and review of petition: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.06 - Initiative and referendum elections: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.07 - Petition and council action: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.08 - Effect of election: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.09 - Petition and council action: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.10 (a) - Effect of election: Commission consensus to change "...voters fail to vote..." to "...votes are cast..."; and to change "...in favor of retaining an ordinance..." to "...in favor of repealing an ordinance..." as per Section 1.07 - Non-Substantive Revisions.
- 3.11 - Resignation or election: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.12 - Results of recall election: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 3.13 - Limitations on recall: Commission consensus to make no changes.

Article 4:

- 4.02 - City Secretary and 4.03 - City Attorney: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 4.01 - City Manager: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 4.04 - Police Department: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 4.05 - Fire Department: Commission consensus to make no changes.
- 4.06 (b) - Municipal Court: Commission consensus to change "...for unable to serve" to "...or unable to serve" as per Section 1.07 - Non-Substantive Revisions.
- Commission consensus to have the Municipal Court Administrator provide information on Court of Record at the next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: DeMont, Gornet, Jacobson, Molho

Absent: Dunmore-Mondt

Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary

