

MINUTES
2020 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

***NOTE:** Due to technical difficulties a recording for this meeting is unavailable. In lieu of the recording these approved written minutes shall serve as the official record of the May 20, 2020 Charter Review Committee Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Jim Young (Chairman), Cathleen Knaak, Rick DeMarco, Larry Allen, John Clapacs, Dave Freeburg, Michael Young, Sheila Dikowicz, Kat Torok(Secretary), Matthew Lallo.

APPROVAL OF HIGHLIGHTS OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2020 MEETING. A motion to approve was made by John Clapacs, 2nd by Rick DeMarco. All were in favor, motion passed @7:13 PM. Larry Allen abstained from the vote since he was not present at May 13th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Charter Review Committee discussed the three (3) proposed Charter Amendments and a Roll Call vote was taken after each proposed Charter Amendment. There were as follows:

1. **ELIMINATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.** Article II-A APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS. It was proposed that the residency requirement be eliminated in Sections 2-5. A motion was made by Kat Torok, 2nd by John Clapacs. An amendment to the motion was made by Larry Allen, 2nd by Jim Young. The amendment motion was to also remove the language in Section 5 eliminating the residency requirement of the Law Director Assistant. A Roll Call vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion to amend the original motion passed @7:20 PM. A Roll Call vote was taken for the original motion, all were in favor. Motion passed @7:23PM
2. **AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE PER DECADE.** Article VII, Section 2 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE. It was proposed that the wording in the existing Charter be changed allowing the Mayor to appoint a Charter Review Committee at any time during the period between ten (10) year committees. A motion was made by Rick DeMarco, 2nd by Larry Allen. A Roll Call vote was taken, all were in favor. Motion passed @7:25 PM.

3. **REVISE ZONING CLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROVISIONS.** Article V, Section 5 INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM and RECALL. It was proposed to eliminate Section 5, Mandatory Zoning Referendum, from the Charter and insert revised wording in Article I, Section 8, Sub-section h7. The purpose of including any zoning amendment or change in the zoning map shall not allow Council to approve any such change as an emergency measure. A Roll Call vote was taken, 8-1 motion passed. Opposed by Mike Young @7:55 PM.

The next order of business was a discussion on whether to list the proposed Amendments on the ballot individually or as a group. A motion was made to list the proposed Charter Amendments individually by John Clapacs, 2nd by Cathy Knaak. All were in favor, motion passed @7:59 PM.

A motion was then made to accept and publish the proposed Press Release as is by Dave Freeburg, 2nd by Kat Torok. All were in favor, motion passed @8:05 PM.

A motion was made to set a Public Hearing via Zoom on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM with a Charter Review Meeting to immediately follow by Larry Allen, 2nd by John Clapacs. All were in favor, motion passed @8:13 PM.

It was suggested that the Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:00 PM Charter Review Meeting be cancelled. A motion was made by Larry Allen, 2nd by John Clapacs. All were in favor, motion passed @8:14 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURN:

With nothing further to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Young, 2nd by Larry Allen. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.