

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Monday, September 12th, 2022, at the Freeport Police Department, 2nd floor Conference Room, 430 N Brazosport Blvd, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review Members: Sandra Barbree (Absent)
Ana Silbas
Melanie Oldham
Shonda Marshall
Sam Reyna

City Council Liaison: Brooks Bass, Mayor
City Manager: Tim Kelty
City Attorney: David Olson, Interim
City Secretary: Betty Wells

Visitors: Nicole Mireles
David McGinty
Ruby Marshall

Call to Order.

Shonda Marshall opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation was led by Mayor Brooks Bass and Pledge of Allegiance by Sam Reyna.

Consideration and possible action on the approval of Charter Review meeting minutes from August 30, 2022.

On a motion by Ana Silbas, seconded by Sam Reyna, with all present voting "Aye", the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the Charter Review Commission meeting minutes from August 30, 2022.

Discuss and review Charter Articles 1-3.

Charter Review Commission reviewed each article individually to present comments and questions amongst Interim City Attorney David Olsen and City Manager Tim Kelty.

In Article 1, the form of government for the City of Freeport is established. The law pertaining to the Annexation Act has changed. However, the language in the Charter referring to annexation does not have to change due to the reference of Chapter 43. In Article 2, there were not any specific questions or concerns by Charter Review Commissioners relating to the powers of The City of Freeport. In Article 3, there were questions surrounding the consistency of the phrases “May uniform election date” and “general election date”. Furthermore, there were concerns expressed surrounding the length of terms between (3) 2 years terms and (2) 3 year terms, with the latter as a recommendation from the previous Charter Review Commissioners.

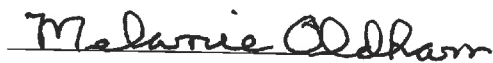
There was also discussion on the possibility of a ballot proposition to give City Council the authority to make necessary changes in charter language and correct any grammatical errors. It was pointed out that section 3.06 should be labeled: Vacancies. Also in section 3.07, the following updates were suggested by Interim City Attorney David Olson in order to reflect current State Law:

- (p) Article 1105b in Chapter 9---now has been codified into Chapter 311 Transportation Code
- (q) Statue Change-- Home Rule Cities are no longer granted authority/enumerated powers, which is now codified in Chapter 54 of Transportation Code or by State Law as it relates to Harbor and Port Facilities.

The next Charter Review Commission meeting is scheduled for September 26th, 2022 to review Articles 4-6.

Adjourn

On a motion by Ana Silbas, seconded by Melanie Oldham, with all present voting “Aye”, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Chairperson Melanie Oldham

Charter Review Committee



Secretary Ana Silbas

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