

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review Members: Sandra Barbree Present
Amy Carrales Present
Donna Hayes Present
Ana Silbas Present
Rita Cundieff Present

Present: Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Brooks Bass, Liaison

Visitors: Larry Fansher
Ruben Renobato
Ruth Renobato
Margaret McMahan
Melanie Oldham
Doug Domingues

Call to Order.

Chairperson Sandra Barbree opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Consideration of approving the minutes of July 31st, 2017.

On a motion by Ana Silbas, seconded by Amy Carrales, with all present voting "Aye", the minutes of July 31, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Discuss and review Charter Review Articles 4-6.

Review: Section 4.01 City Manager: (b) Term and Salary

On a motion by Rita Cundieff, seconded by Donna Hayes, with all present voting "Aye" to amend this to read "any employment contract or documents generated by the city or outside sources should not be in conflict with the Charter Review".

Donna Hayes commented “he” or “she” is written throughout the Charter and needs a more gender neutral term.

Section 4.02 Department of Police.

Visitor Larry Fansher of 1630 W. 10th Street questioned if the Chief of Police should be a resident of the City. He suggested all administration live in the City.

Section 4.04A Multiple Duties.

On a motion by Donna Hayes, seconded by Amy Carrales, recommended adding a “(six) 6 month term” to this section.

Melanie Oldham of 922 W. 5th Street discussed the 2015 Charter Review meetings. The amendments were presented to City Council and approved. The amendments were on the ballot and the amendment Section 3.02 Qualifications was in conflict with the Texas Election Code.

Reuben Renobato stated that General Law cannot be in conflict with the requirements of the State Law.

Margaret McMahan asked that personalities not get in the way of qualifications requirements. She requested the city get a legal opinion.

Ana Silbas reported on the Home Rule concept.

Discuss and schedule next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 28th, 2017 to review Articles 7, 8, 9.

Adjourn

On a motion by Vice Chairperson Rita Cundieff, seconded by Donna Hayes, with all present voting, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Chairperson Sandra Barbree
City of Freeport, Texas

Secretary Ana Silbas
City of Freeport, Texas

