

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, Charter Review Commission, met on Thursday, November 12th, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. at the Freeport City Hall, 200 West 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Freeport Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review Commission:	William W. Rains- Chairman (absent)
	Tobey Davenport – Vice Chairman (absent)
	Dorothy Pirrung - Board Member
	Annette Sanford - Board Member
	Jeff Pynes - Board Member

Call to Order

There being a quorum of the Charter Review Commission, Jeff Pynes called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

Approve Minutes of October 7th, 2009 meeting.

This item will be on the next subsequent meeting.

Comments from public visitors or guests.

No comments

Discuss City Charter, Sections 1-9 as time permits.

A. Review of Recall elections and petitions for ballots for topics to be added to a Freeport City Ballot.

On a motion by Mrs. Sanford, seconded by Mrs. Pirrung to table the Review of Recall election and petitions for ballots for topics to be added to a Freeport City Ballot.

The Charter Review Commission reviewed section 1 thru 9 of The Home Rule Charter. The committee made additions, corrections to the Charter. Mr. Pynes will present a spread sheet with the proposed changes at the next meeting.

Section: 1.02 Boundaries

Mrs. Pirrung stated that the date of April 25th, 1960 is incorrect. Nat Hickey is researching the boundaries of the City of Freeport and the date that it was established to record on an official map.

Section: 2 Power of the City – no changes

Section 3.02 Qualifications

Mrs. Sanford recommended that the last sentence be deleted on Section 3.02. The sentence that an elected officer must resign prior to filing for a second elective office of the city. She wanted it to read that the officer would not have to resign his position.

Section 3.07 (b, m. r) Powers of the City Council was reviewed.

Section 3.08 City Council Not To Interfere In Appointment was reviewed.

Section 4.01 City Manager was reviewed.

Section 4.02 Department of Police was reviewed.

Section 4.04A Multiple Duties – Mr. Pynes proposed adding the Chief of Police to this section of multiple duties.

Section 4.05 Municipal Court (b) to add Brazoria County to the first sentence.

Section 4.05 Municipal Court (e) to add an assistance judge to the section, in case of the disability or absence of the judge of said Court.

Section 4.06 City Attorney – to add Brazoria County to this section.

Section 5.05 Election by Plurality – to change to Election by Majority Vote

Section 6.02 Petition for Recall – remove the third sentence.

Section 7.02 Initiative – remove the second sentence.

Section 8.03 Planning Commission - Asked if the other committees could be added on. (EDC, Senior Citizens, Park/Recreation)

Section 9. Municipal Finance- Mr. Pynes will ask Mr. Welch to review this section on finances.

City Charter chapters to discuss next meeting, sections 1 -9 if required and/or set up a Joint meeting with City Council to report our suggestions for changes.

On a motion by Jeff Pynes, seconded by Dorothy Pirrung, all present voting “aye” scheduling November 18th, 2009 for the next meeting.

Schedule next meeting.

Discuss and review Section 10 thru 11 and invite Mr. Shaw to the next meeting on November 18th, 2009

Other questions from members

None

Adjourn

On a motion by Mrs. Sanford, seconded by Mrs. Pirrung to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman - William Rains