

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review of the City of Freeport, met on October 4th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Freeport Museum, 311 E. Park, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review:

Sandra W. Wicke - Chairman
Dorothy Pirrung
Mingo Marquez – Vice Chairman
Jason Thompson
Lila Lloyd – Secretary

Visitors:

Jim Pirrung
Joyce Adkins
Councilwoman Nicolosa Mireles
City Manager - Jeff Pynes

Call to Order.

Chairman Sandra W. Wicke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration of approving the minutes of September 28th, 2011.

This item was reagendaed.

Discuss Charter Review - Article 4, 5, 6

Section 4.01 City Manager

Discussed rewording Section: 4.01(a) City Manager

“He shall be chosen by the City Council solely on the basis of his executive and administrative training, experience and ability, and need not when appointed, be a resident of the City of Freeport”.

To read as: “He shall be chosen by the City Council solely on the basis of his executive and administrative training, experience and ability, and when appointed need not be a resident of the City of Freeport.

Section 4.01 (b) Term and Salary:

“The City Manager shall not be appointed for a definite term but may be removed at the will and pleasure of the City Council by a vote of the majority of the entire Council.”

Suggested changing to “remove *because of inadequacy or malfeasance of misconduct*”.

Section 4.02 Department of Police

Discussed adding (c) to Section 4.02 Department of Police

“Every Municipal Court Marshall shall meet all of the minimum physical, mental and moral standards established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education and be certified by such Commission to act as a peace officer in the State of Texas”. Change to: *Every Municipal Court Marshall to Warrant Officer*

Section 4.07 Department of Health and Sanitation

- (a) Changing the word to *shall appoint* to “*may appoint*”.
Changing the word to *shall may appoint* to read *may appoint*.

The City Manager was requested to consult with County and will clarify what has been set in place by the county on cities Health and Sanitation that will benefit the need of the city.

Section 4.08 Fire Department

Adding to Section 4.08 the existing paragraph; the wording used in Department of Police 4.02 (b)

4.02 (b) “No persons except as otherwise provided by general law or this Chapter or the ordinances passed pursuant thereto shall act as a special fireman or emergency medical services

Lila asked the question why city officials allowed living outside the boundaries of the City?

The Preamble of the Charter declares the residents of the City of Freeport in Brazoria County, Texas living within the legally established boundaries of the said city, to be a political subdivision of the State of Texas incorporated forever under the name and style of the City of Freeport, with such powers, rights, and duties as are herein provided.

Discuss and schedule next meeting.

The Charter Review Commission next meeting will be October 10th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Freeport Museum.

Adjourn

The Charter Review adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sandra W. Wicke – Chairman

Lila Lloyd– Secretary