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**CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING | NOVEMBER 20, 2018
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REGULAR SESSION

- A. Consider approval of minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting
- B. Begin identifying and discussing the committee's desired Charter topics for further discussion and/or research
- C. Discuss date and time of upcoming meetings

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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LESLIE GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY



Date: November 20, 2018

Agenda Item No: REGULAR SESSION - A.

I. Subject:

Consider approval of minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

Please see the attached minutes for your approval.

IV. Fiscal Impact Summary:

V. Legal Impact:

VI. Recommendation:

VII. Alternative Actions:

VIII. Attachments:

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CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING | NOVEMBER 8, 2018
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Mayor Brian Johnson, Vice-Chair Bob Gruenhagen, Gail Uranga, Robert Mundy, Kenneth Michels, John Clark, and Cheryl Pond*; **Absent:** NONE

Staff: City Attorney Betsy Elam and City Secretary & Communications Coordinator Leslie Galloway

**Cheryl Pond was nominated at the time of this meeting, but not officially appointed to the Charter Study Committee until the Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018.*

III. REGULAR SESSION

A. Discuss purpose and charge to the committee

Mayor Brian Johnson stated that Home Rule Charters were often described as the “Constitution of a City” and were typically reviewed every five years to seek changes that were needed or might serve to benefit the City.

B. Discuss committee rules of procedure

Mayor Johnson stated that each member should carefully review the Charter and be prepared to present their recommendations for items to review or proposed changes at the next meeting; and that there would be a chance for public input at the end of the process.

John Clark, Chair of the original Charter Committee, gave a brief overview of the process used to draft the original document in 1997, stating that priorities included an eye towards the future, checks and balances, and making sure the document fit the community’s needs.

Robert Mundy, who served on the original Charter Committee, noted that there were seven amendments proposed to voters in May 2016, six of which passed.

C. Receive a presentation by the City Attorney’s Office and hold a discussion regarding Home Rule City Charters and amendments thereto

City Attorney Betsy Elam stated that the Charter is in good shape in relation to state law and presented a brief overview of the key purpose of a Charter – securing and protecting power

at the local level. She added that this committee is a recommending body, and that ultimately City Council will decide which, if any, of the resulting recommendations are submitted to voters and the form of those propositions.

Elam stated that Home Rule Cities can do anything not preempted by state law, and directed the committee to Figure 3-1 of "Texas Home Rule Charters" by Terrell Blodgett, which highlights "State preemption of home rule provision".

Elam advised that bond counsel should be involved in the review of the debt issuance portion of the Charter.

- D. Begin identifying and discussing the committee's desired Charter topics for further discussion and/or research

There was a brief discussion among the committee members including form of government, length of Council terms, districting, term limits, and petitions.

Elam requested that likely topics be sent to her beforehand so that she could prepare.

- E. Discuss a regular meeting schedule and set next meeting date and time

The next meetings of the Charter Study Committee were scheduled for:

- Tuesday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall; and
- Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON, CHAIR

LESLIE GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY



Date: November 20, 2018

Agenda Item No: REGULAR SESSION - B.

I. Subject:

Begin identifying and discussing the committee's desired Charter topics for further discussion and/or research

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

At this time, each committee member will have the opportunity to present their suggested changes or items that they would like to have more information regarding. During this time, the committee may choose to further discuss any item brought forward or to narrow the items on the compiled list.

IV. Fiscal Impact Summary:

V. Legal Impact:

VI. Recommendation:

VII. Alternative Actions:

VIII. Attachments:



Date: November 20, 2018

Agenda Item No: REGULAR SESSION - C.

I. Subject:

Discuss date and time of upcoming meetings

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

During the November 8 meeting, the committee set Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. as the next meeting date. At this time, the committee may confirm members' availability for that date, and consider setting other future meetings.

IV. Fiscal Impact Summary:

V. Legal Impact:

VI. Recommendation:

VII. Alternative Actions:

VIII. Attachments: