



CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING | JANUARY 16, 2019
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM | REGULAR SESSION - 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Manager George Campbell, City Attorney Betsy Elam, City Secretary & Communications Coordinator Leslie Galloway*

III. REGULAR SESSION

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the January 3 meeting

Motion To approve minutes from the January 3 meeting. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** John Clark, **Seconded By** Robert Mundy. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

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

There was no discussion at this time.

- C. City Council Recommendations

Mayor Johnson facilitated a discussion during which the Committee revisited all items previously discussed and came to a consensus on each to be recommended to Council:

Regarding §6.05: Indebtedness, the Committee would recommend the deletion of all wording except the first sentence and item (c).

Regarding Article XI: Initiative, Referendum, and Recall (Petitions), the Committee would recommend increasing the signature requirements for all petitions to "at least ~~twenty-five (25)~~ thirty (30) percent of the votes cast in the last regular municipal election, but not less than ~~two hundred and fifty (250)~~ five hundred (500) signatures"; and additional wording in **§11.03 (Recall)** that would allow for a person subject to a recall petition to request (but not be required to have) a Public Hearing that would occur before the City Council acts on the petition. Following a comprehensive discussion, these recommendations were the consensus of the Committee. However, two members – Vice Chair Bob Gruenhagen and Gail Uranga – remain in favor of additional changes to this section.

Regarding §3.06(a)(1): Council Appointments (to fill a vacancy), the Committee would not recommend holding a Special Election solely for this purpose, but if there were to be

other propositions, the Committee would suggest also offering one that would serve to 'clean up' the need for an asterisk explanation, which is the result of the May 7, 2016 charter election when Proposition No. 1 (including provisions for addressing a vacancy in a three-year term) passed, but Proposition No. 4 (changing terms from two to three years) failed.

The following items were considered, but following comprehensive discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to recommend no change to the current Charter provisions regarding:

- Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- §4.01(a): Single Member Districts
- §4.01(b): Term Limits and Length of Terms
- §5.07: Removal of City Secretary by City Council action
- §3.05: Former Council Members holding positions in City
- §3.08(d): Council Quorum Requirements
- §3.03: Mayor's Veto Power
- §5.0: Residency Requirements for City Manager
- §3.07: Investigations; §3.06: Vacancies and Forfeiture of Office
- §3.06(b)(4): Forfeiture due to Absence; Attendance Requirements; and Excused vs. Unexcused Absences
- Second Reading of Ordinances
- §3.04(c): Definition of Term: 'City Officers'
- §3.04(d) and §5.04(g): Potential Conflict of Wording

Separately, the Committee would respectfully recommend to the City Council consideration of policies that would call for a second reading of certain categories of Ordinances; and require notifying residents earlier than one month prior to and/or via additional methods than those required by State law before the issuance of a Certificate of Obligation.

D. Discuss date and time of upcoming meetings


The Committee set their next meeting for Wednesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. and requested that City Attorney Betsy Elam prepare ballot language for the Committee's consideration at that time. Elam stated that she planned to consult with the City's Bond Counsel regarding the Indebtedness (§6.05) proposition.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To Adjourn. Action Adjourn, Moved By Robert Mundy, Seconded By Bob Gruenhagen. Motion passed Unanimously.

Mayor Brian Johnson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON, CHAIR



ATTEST:


LESLIE GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY