

CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Rhodes, Michael Brown, John Clark, Laurie Humiston. Absent: Eric Elam and Chris Gary.

II. REGULAR SESSION

A. Discuss purpose and charge to the committee

Mayor Pro Tem discussed the history of the Charter Committee and the purpose for this committee.

B. Discuss committee rules of procedure

Mayor Pro Tem asked that all committee members read through the Charter and find items to review and discuss for changes.

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

Attorney Betsy Elam from TOASE Law Firm stated that our Charter is in good shape in relation to state law and gave an overview of the purpose of a Charter.

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

The committee discussed some of the desired changes that Council was interested in:

Section 3.06 - Ms. Elam explained the section was deleted since the citizens voted down 3 year terms. Her suggestion is to add to Section 3.03 about the Mayor Pro Tem's duties if the Mayor steps down.

Moving from 2 to 3 year terms.

Ethics Ordinance

Procedure for outcome if someone breaks the Charter.

3.08 Meeting Procedures - Special meeting called by Mayor or 3 council members.

Potential quorum. Needs to be 2 council members and not 3.

3.08b Motion to go into Executive Session - State law does not require a motion.
5.06 City Secretary answers to Council and City Manager - John Clark stated this was for a check and balance.
Discussion regarding Council vacancies and how to handle them.

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

The meeting schedule was discussed as follows:

January 8, 6 pm
January 22, 6 pm
January 29, 6 pm

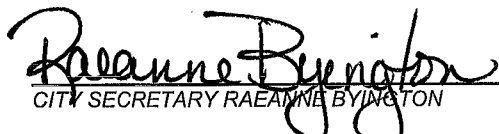
III. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Michels adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm.

APPROVED:


MAYOR PRO TEM KENNETH MICHELS

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY RAEANNE BYINGTON