



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG
Charter Review Committee Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.
City Hall - Conference Room
126 W. Main Street
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

Charter Review Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Watson, Chair
Councilmember Randy Briley, Committee Member
Committee Member, Allen Brecher
Committee Member, Timothy Crenwelge
Committee Member, Cydney Donnell
Committee Member, Griffin Kott
Committee Member, Thomas Musselman
Committee Member, Gary Neffendorf
Committee Member, Taylor Williams

Charter Review Committee Member Absent:

Committee Member, Andrew Colwell
Committee Member, Timothy Dooley
Committee Member, Eric Hammersen

City Staff Present:

Clinton Bailey, City Manager/Committee Member
Mick McKamie, City Attorney/Committee Member
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary/Committee Member

City Staff Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bobby Watson, Chair, called the Charter Review Committee Meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Watson called out the names of those members absent and announced a quorum had been met.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Consider the approval of the October 13, 2023, Charter Review Committee Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Committee Member Musselman, seconded by Committee Member Crenwelge, to approve the October 13, 2023, Charter Review Committee Minutes. The Charter Review Committee voted nine (9) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Possible action on outstanding wording for previously discussed Articles

Mick McKamie, City Attorney, provided a memo regarding Section 12.02 and 12.03. He stated he needs to work on Section 12.02.

Charter Review Committee reviewed the proposed wording for Section 12.02

Sec. 12.02. Conflict of Interest.

Any city officer, appointee, or employee who has a conflict of interest as defined by Chapter 176, Texas Local Government Code, as now or hereafter amended or by the City Ethics Ordinance then in effect shall disclose that interest as required by law and refrain from voting upon or otherwise deliberating upon or participating in his or her capacity as a city officer, appointee, or employee in such matter that is the subject of the conflict of interest. Any city officer, appointee, or employee who conceals such a substantial financial interest or violates the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall forfeit his or her office or position.

The Committee agreed by consensus to move forward with this wording.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Article I. – Article XII. Of the City Charter

The Charter Review Committee discussed and provided directions on the following Sections:

Section 3.01 Number, Selection and Term

Change the last sentence to read, Regular terms of office shall commence ~~on May 15th of each year~~ in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 3.02. Qualifications

Create a Section for Disqualifications and include the last sentence of Qualifications.

Section 3.04 Compensation

Change the ~~June 1, 2017~~ to June 1, 2024

Section 3.06. Emergency Power to Mayor

Include fire and emergency services in this section.

Section 4.04. City Secretary

Change first sentence to read The City Manager shall employ a city secretary who shall report to the city manager. The City Manager shall establish their compensation and duties.

Section 6.05. Candidates Elected

Remove subsection (c).

Section 8.02 Initiative

Make the following changes in the new wording:

Registered voters of the City of Fredericksburg may initiate legislation by submitting a petition addressed to the City Council which requests the submission of a proposed ordinance or

resolution to a vote of the registered voters of the City. Said petition must be signed by registered voters of the city equal in number to ten percent (10%) of the number of registered voters as of the preceding January 1, and each copy of the petition shall have attached to it a copy of the proposed ordinance or resolution. The petition shall be signed within the same time as recall petitions are signed, in the same manner as recall petitions are signed, and shall be verified by oath and filed with the City Secretary in the manner and form as recall petitions are presented as provided in this Charter. The petition may consist of one or more copies as permitted for recall petitions. Within sixty (60) days after the date of filing of the recall petition, the person performing the duties of the City Secretary shall verify that the petition is in correct form and is signed by the required number of registered voters. The City Secretary will present the petition, along with his or her findings, to the City Council. The City Council will determine the validity of the petition, and act thereon accordingly. If the City Council determines that the petition is valid, it shall become the duty of the City Council at the next Regular City Council Meeting for which public notice can be posted in accordance with the law, to pass and adopt such ordinance or resolution without alteration as to meaning or effect, or to call a special election to be held on the next uniform election date for which full compliance with applicable election laws is possible.

Section 8.03. Referendum

Rewrite and bring back to the Committee for consideration.

Section 9.01. Planning and Zoning Commission

The Committee agreed by consensus to not include the Comprehensive Plan in the Charter.

Section 10.06. Proceedings on Budget after Public Hearing

Leave as is. The added language is the same wording.

Section 10.09. Effective Date of Budget, Certification, Copies Made Available

Change the last sentence to add verbiage to read the following: The final budget shall be printed, and copies shall be made available for the use of all offices, departments and agencies and for the use of interested persons and civic organizations.

Section 10.18 Enterprise Fund Usage.

Add Solid Waste and change the last ~~fund~~ to money.

Section 11.06. Consent of Property Owners.

The Committee discussed and agreed to remove this section and tighten up Ordinance and Franchise Agreements.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding next steps in the Charter Review Process

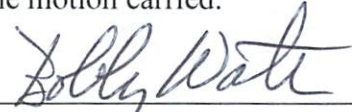
The Committee stated they would need to review again, hold a public hearing, write a report, and present the changes to the City Council.

D. Set the next meeting date


The Committee agreed by consensus to hold the next meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

5. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Committee Member Briley, seconded by Committee Member Crenwelge, to adjourn the November 6, 2023, Committee Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Charter Review Committee voted nine (9) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.



Bobby Watson, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary