

GRAND LEDGE CHARTER COMMISSION
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CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, 05 OCTOBER 2016
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST.

- I. ROLL CALL** – Chair Robert Doty; and Commissioners Jason Barclay, Lyle Clark, Michael Coll, Sheila Deming, Sandra Keller, Lynne MacDowell, Alan Miller, and Michael Moyes
OTHERS PRESENT – Mayor Smith; Gregory Newman, City Clerk;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Moyes led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Doty introduced the Commission to the public, and explained opportunities to address the Commission during its meetings and through the City's website.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Wednesday, 05 October 2016 Charter Commission agenda.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER CLARK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, 05 OCTOBER 2016 CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion** – To approve the Wednesday, 21 September 2016 Charter Commission minutes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016 CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chapter 1

The Commission discussed the expected amount of time to review the existing charter and the possibility of using a newer charter as a basis to move forward.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MILLER SECONDED, TO RECONSIDER AND USE THE MODEL CITY CHARTER FROM THE NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE AS A BASIS TO REVIEW THE CHARTER.

The Commission discussed the need to alter the model charter to meet Michigan law.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND USE THE MODEL CITY CHARTER FROM THE NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE AS A BASIS TO REVIEW THE CHARTER. MOTION LOST UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO RECONSIDER AND USE THE JONESVILLE CHARTER AS A BASIS TO REVIEW THE CHARTER. AYES: BARCLAY, CLARK, COLL, DOTY, MACDOWELL, MILLER, MOYES. NAYS: DEMING, KELLER. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission discussed the Jonesville charter determining to use Grand Ledge Charter C-1.1 language in Section 1.1, use simple boundary language without legal description in Section 1.2, review C-1.3 when addressing Chapter 4, not use C-1.4, and move C-1.5 through C-1.13 to Chapter 15 and review when reviewing Chapter 15.

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED, COMMISSIONER BARCLAY SECONDED, TO REQUEST A LEGAL OPINION ON THE NEED FOR C-2.2. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed the Jonesville charter determining to use Sections 2.1 and 2.2, not use Sections 2.3 and 2.4, and discussed the organization of government.

VIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Commission discussed beginning Chapter 3 at the next meeting.

CONSENSUS TO PLACE CHAPTER 3 ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

IX. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

X. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR DOTY ADJOURNED THE WEDNESDAY, 05 OCTOBER 2016, CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING, AT 6:45 P.M.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Robert Doty, Chair

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