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CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, 19 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 – Adam Smith, City Administrator; Gregory Newman, City Clerk;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Wednesday, 19 October 2016 Charter Commission agenda.

COMMISSIONER MOYES MOVED, COMMISSIONER DEMING SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, 19 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 DEMING SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016 CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. C-1.1**

The Commission discussed the language for the boundaries from the Port Huron charter.

COMMISSION DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MILLER SECONDED, TO USE THE BOUNDARY LANGUAGE FROM THE PORT HURON CHARTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. C-2.2**

Adam Smith, City Administrator, commented on legal opinions and offered staff recommendations for most issues based on existing adopted charters approved by the Attorney General.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE JONESVILLE CHARTER SECTION 2.2. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chapter 3

The Commission discussed Section 3.1, and the designation of “Manager” or “Administrator.”

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE “THE CITY SHALL HAVE THE COUNCIL-MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR, NON-PARTISON FORM OF GOVERNMENT.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 3.2.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER COLL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 3.2. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MOYES MOVED, COMMISSIONER BARCLAY SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 3.3.

The Commission discussed Section 3.3, moving Section 5.1 to Section 3.3, and referencing Chapter 5 instead of saying “herein.”

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED, COMMISSIONER COLL SECONDED, TO AMEND THE MOTION TO USE SECTION 3.3, TO USE “AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 5” AND USE ONLY THE FIRST SENTENCE IN SECTION 3.3. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO USE SECTION 3.3, AS AMENDED TO USE “AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 5” AND USE ONLY THE FIRST SENTENCE IN SECTION 3.3, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed length of terms, wards or at-large, the possibility of holding a public hearing, and the possibility of conducting an online survey.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MILLER SECONDED, TO POSTPONE SECTION 3.4 TO 16 NOVEMBER 2016 AND COLLECT DATA THROUGH AN ONLINE SURVEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed the possibility of inviting the Council to speak on Section 3.4.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 3.5. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 3.6.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 3.6, AMENDED TO READ “FOLLOWING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE REGULAR CITY NOVEMBER ELECTION.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 3.7 and the wording of the last sentence in (a).

COMMISSIONER CLARK MOVED, COMMISSIONER COLL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 3.7. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 3.8 and Council member interactions with management team and the City Administrator.

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 3.8. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chair Doty established Chapter 5 and 6 as items for the next meeting.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

IX. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

X. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR DOTY ADJOURNED THE WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016, CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING, AT 6:45 P.M.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

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Robert Doty, Chair

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