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CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, 02 NOVEMBER 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 – Kalmin Smith, Mayor; Gregory Newman, City Clerk;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Motion** – To approve the Wednesday, 02 November 2016 Charter Commission agenda.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER CLARK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, 02 NOVEMBER 2016 CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COMMISSIONER MOYES MOVED, COMMISSIONER COLL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016 CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chapter 5**

The Commission discussed Section 5.1(a) and the survey of public opinion on terms of office.

CONSENSUS TO POSTPONE SECTION 5.1(A).

The Commission discussed Sections 5.1(b) and 5.1(c).

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.1(B) AND TO USE SECTION 5.1(C), AMENDED BY STRIKING “UNLESS A WAIVER IS GRANTED BY THE COUNCIL.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.1(e).

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED, COMMISSIONER DEMING SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.1(E). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.2.

COMMISSIONER CLARK MOVED, COMMISSIONER DEMING SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.2. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Sections 5.3 and 5.4.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO USE SECTIONS 5.3 AND 5.4. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.5.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.5. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.6 and C-5.2B.

COMMISSIONER COLL MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.6, AMENDED BY INSERTING C-5.2B AS SECTION 5.6(G). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.7 and its impact on non-elected officers.

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED, COMMISSIONER DEMING SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.7, AMENDED BY STRIKING “OR MEMBERS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS” FROM THE FIRST SENTENCE AND BY INSERTING “WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE” IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH TO READ “IF THE OFFICER SHALL NEGLECT TO APPEAR, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, AT THE HEARING AND ANSWER THE CHARGES, HIS OR HER FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE DEEMED CAUSE FOR REMOVAL.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.8.

COMMISSIONER MOYES MOVED, COMMISSIONER DEMING SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.8. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed Section 5.9 and the process to receive and consider applications to fill vacancies.

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.9, AMENDED BY INSERTING “GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE, SOLICITING APPLICANTS, AND” IN THE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ “THE COUNCIL SHALL FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL BY GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE, SOLICITING APPLICANTS, AND APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED, REGISTERED ELECTOR WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY WAS CREATED.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENSUS TO AGAIN REVIEW SECTION 5.9 WHEN CONSIDERING SECTION 3.4.

The Commission discussed Section 5.10.

COMMISSIONER COLL MOVED, COMMISSIONER DEMING SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.10. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CLARK MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 5.11.

The Commission discussed Section 5.11.

MOTION TO USE SECTION 5.11, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER COLL MOVED, COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO USE SECTIONS 5.12 AND 5.13.

The Commission discussed Section 5.13.

MOTION TO USE SECTIONS 5.12 AND 5.13, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Chapter 6

COMMISSIONER MOYES MOVED, COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 6.1, AMENDED TO READ, "THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD AT LEAST TWO (2) MEETINGS EACH MONTH..." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 6.2.

The Commissioner discussed the requirement to personally serve written notice of special meetings.

MOTION TO USE SECTION 6.2, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER COLL SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 6.3. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DEMING MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO REMOVE SECTION 6.4. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CLARK MOVED, COMMISSIONER MOYES SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 6.5.

The Commission discussed the quorum of the Council.

MOTION TO USE SECTION 6.5, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MOYES MOVED, COMMISSIONER CLARK SECONDED, TO USE SECTION 6.6. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Commission discussed the items for the next meeting.

CONSENSUS TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNCIL TERMS OF OFFICE AND REPRESENTATION FIRST, THE REMAINING SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 6, SECTION 3.4, SECTION 1.3, AND CHAPTER 4.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kalmin Smith, Mayor, encouraged the Commission to consider the future and the implementation of requirements when reviewing the charter.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Doty apologized for not reporting to Council due to scheduling conflict.

X. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR DOTY ADJOURNED THE WEDNESDAY, 02 NOVEMBER 2016, CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING, AT 7:01 P.M.

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

Robert Doty, Chair

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