

CITY OF TEXAS CITY
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.
NESSLER CIVIC CENTER - ALAMO ROOM
2010 5th Avenue North
Texas City, TX 77590

Time called to order: 5:30 P.M.

Present: Bob Senter, Chairperson
Thelma Bowie, Board Member
Jose Boix, Board Member
Aric Owens, Board Member
Lupe Cantu, Board Member
Jenny Senter, Board Member
Mark Ciavaglia, Board Member
Tracy Tarpey, Board Member
Frank Mistretta, Board Member
Brian Clark, Board Member
Denise Obrian, Board Member

Absent: Carlos Garza, Board Member
Dedrick Johnson, Board Member

Staff Present: City Liaison Phil Roberts
City Staff Nicholas Finan
City Attorney Russell F. Plackemeier

1. WELCOME
2. ROLL CALL
 - a. Introduction of newly appointed members to the Charter Review Committee.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Charter Review Committee Meeting on November 12, 2018, and December 10, 2018.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Mark Ciavaglia
AND **SECONDED** by Board Member Thelma Bowie

Vote: 11 - 0 CARRIED

4. OVERVIEW

- a. Consider a "Summary of Substantive Variances and Issues Existing Between the Current Charter and Current Operations" as developed by Consultant Don R. Edmonds.

Don Edmonds summarized how the committee will approach the review process. His review shows only two articles that varied to state law, was unclear or varied in how the city performed. This is very low. Also, the committee is open to considering other items other than what he found that needs some amendatory change. Politically or for other reasons, committee members wish to consider other changes.

Bob Senter reinforced anyone can suggest other items throughout the process.

Mark Ciavaglia suggested that the committee look at other Gulf Coast Cities of similar size for numbers 3 & 7 (Salary & Recall). Discussion that only 4 cities with strong Mayor in Texas, so comparisons would not be apple to apple

Jose Boix questioned what was meant by "not in compliance." It was answered that it means with Charter.

Jose Boix questioned if its necessary to take these issues before voters even if it's just to meet State Law standards. The answer is yes.

Bob Senter made comments and references to each section and discussed variances, etc. with Don Edmonds assistance.

5. OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO CITY CHARTER REVIEW

- a. Consider approval of setting official meeting dates and time for Committee Meetings.

Bob Senter discussed the calendar as handed out indicating the second and fourth Monday of each month through March. There were no objections.

Dates were accepted.

6. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS

Nick and Russell were requested to get salaries for Mayors and Councilmembers in the Houston area.

7. ADJOURN

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Jenny Senter

AND **SECONDED** by Board Member Thelma Bowie

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