

Ad-Hoc Charter Review Committee

Goodyear City Hall - Canyon Trails 1 & 2 Conference Rooms
1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cox called the Ad-Hoc Charter Review Committee meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair John Cox; Vice Chair Susan Schmelzer; Committee Member Jason Kish; Committee Member Robert Paine; Committee Member David Halm; Committee Member Rodie Purcell; Committee Member Fran Fee

Staff Present: Wynette Reed, City Manager; Roric Massey, City Attorney; Darcie McCracken, City Clerk; Jared Askelson, Finance Director; Lyman Locket, Human Resources Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the draft minutes of the May 7, 2024 Ad-Hoc Charter Review Committee meeting.

MOTION BY Committee Member David Halm, **SECONDED BY** Committee Member Rodie Purcell to **APPROVE** the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Ad-Hoc Charter Review Committee meeting. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair John Cox, Vice Chair Susan Schmelzer, Committee Member Jason Kish, Committee Member Robert Paine, Committee Member David Halm, Committee Member Rodie Purcell, Committee Member Fran Fee

7 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

2. Review, discussion and possible action on the articles, sections and items in the City Charter.

The committee continued the discussion on the proposed changes to Article IV that began at the meeting on March 7, 2024.

MOTION BY Committee Member Jason Kish, **SECONDED BY** Committee Member Fran Fee to APPROVE the proposed language to City Charter Article IV, Section A. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair John Cox, Vice Chair Susan Schmelzer, Committee Member Jason Kish, Committee Member Robert Paine, Committee Member David Halm, Committee Member Rodie Purcell, Committee Member Fran Fee

7 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

The Committee discussed Article VI regarding Taxation and Bonds. Jared Askelson, Finance Director, provided background about the request to review the section to account for legislative changes and allow the city to have authority over its own finances and bonding. After discussion, the Committee asked to have time to consider the suggested changes and make a determination at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed Article I, Section 3, Powers of the City. City Attorney Roric Massey explained that this request was to allow the city to provide for its own site plan review and approvals. The Committee voted to approve the change as presented with language to include "consistent with the adopted General Plan" which is adopted by the voters of the City.

MOTION BY Committee Member Rodie Purcell, **SECONDED BY** Committee Member David Halm to APPROVE the proposed language for Article I, Section 3, referring to the thoughtful planning of the city with the addition of language to be consistent with the adopted General Plan. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair John Cox, Vice Chair Susan Schmelzer, Committee Member Jason Kish, Committee Member Robert Paine, Committee Member David Halm, Committee Member Rodie Purcell, Committee Member Fran Fee

7 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

City Attorney Roric Massey introduced Article II, Section 11 regarding Council Compensation. He spoke about the difficulty with the current wording that spoke specifically about salary for compensation, however, Council also receives benefits that were not included and which made the current change cap unrealistic. Vice Chair Schmelzer spoke about her service on the Council Compensation Committee and the factors that went into the determination of compensation. Human Resources Director Lyman Locket spoke about benefits and a total compensation package. He spoke about the benchmark cities that were used and the use of a standard deviation to remove the outliers. The Committee asked for additional information and for the language that would resolve the issues. The Committee said they would continue to discuss this section at the next meeting.

There were no information items.

NEXT MEETING

Review, discussion and possible action to set the day and time for the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the next meeting and their availability. They came to a consensus to have the next meeting on June 11 at 5:30 p.m. and they asked City Clerk Darcie McCracken to have a virtual option available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Darcie McCracken, Board Secretary

Date:_____

Approved at Ad-Hoc Charter Review Committee Meeting held on_____, 2024.