

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013, AT 5:00PM.

Members present: James Anderson, John Escobedo, Maria Mclver, Vanetta Mills, Rhonda Reddoch, Charles Smither, Jr., Mike Yawn

Members absent: Bill Daugette

Guests present: Mayor Mac Woodward, City Manager Matt Benoit, City Secretary Lee Woodward

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Woodward called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Mayor Woodward welcomed and thanked the members and all introduced themselves. He discussed the overall process and timeline, saying he hoped they would allow for time for public hearings after recommendations, if any, were made to Council. The Mayor added that any recommendations would be things the Committee felt the citizens needed to consider and extended the services of the City Attorney and City Secretary. Mr. Yawn noted neither the Committee's recommendations nor the Council's approval of items for a Special Election were binding, only the vote of the people. Mr. Smither suggested that it would be appropriate for more things to be discussed rather than fewer, acknowledging that the Council may not choose to move forward with all presented.

Mrs. Mclver nominated Rhonda Reddoch as Chair and was seconded by Mr. Escobedo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

3. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

The Committee will hear presentations, discuss and may consider recommendations to the City Council on the following items:

a. Discussion of the Committee's goals and objectives, review of the current Charter, other matters relating to Charter amendments.

Mr. Yawn reminded the Committee that the recordings of the meetings were subject to the Texas Public Information Act. The Committee discussed responses to the media and generally agreed that it would be more appropriate later in the process, when they had an opportunity to delve into the work and touching only on topics the Committee had covered.

A proposed schedule of approximately 90-minute meetings for generally second, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays at 5 pm through April 23, 2013 was set, allowing that changes could be made as needed (within posting guidelines). Mr. Yawn reminded the Committee that a quorum of five members was necessary for a meeting and Mr. Smither noted that members could always provide input, even if they were not present.

Discussion of handling public input concluded that the Committee needed to begin their work and that provisions for anything other than written submissions from the public would be handled at the March 12, 2013 meeting so that it could be accepted in person at the March 26, 2013 meeting. The Committee requested sign-in sheets for public comment and for guests in attendance.

The Committee asked that the City Attorney review the Charter for statutory updates and inconsistencies pertaining to legal issues. Mr. Escobedo and Mr. Yawn addressed the matters of *clarity versus specificity*. The Committee chose to send questions to the Chair for compilation and to submit questions on Articles I-IV by March 6. The Committee selected those articles to cover at the next meeting.

b. Select Chairperson for Committee

(This item was handled prior to 3a.)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reddoch adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Woodward, City Secretary