

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
October 27, 2008  
City Conference Room 2B  
11:00 – 12:00

**Present:**

City Council

Al French – Chair  
Steve Corker

Administration:

Dorothy Webster  
Leroy Eadie  
Ted Danek

Citizens

Hal Ellis – CA  
Sherrie Bryant  
Greg Sweeney  
Dr. Albert

Staff:

Karen Corkins  
Mike Piccolo

Visitors:

**Absent:**

Administration:

Citizens:

Mike Dalessi

Staff:

Todd Babcock  
Molly Matthews

City Council:

Michael Allen

Minutes from 10/13/08 meeting were not available or approved. They will be available at the next meeting.

Discussion concerning Term Limits occurred. It was proposed that the language would be reviewed and brought to the next meeting. Mike P. made the point about intent and clarifying that within the Charter. Finally, discussion focused on the separation of council, council president, and mayor.

Dorothy W. offered a suggestion to bring a number of different options to the public hearing and council. This would provide a point of discussion as well as provide different ways of looking at the issue. It was suggested that the committee recommends one option or give the pros and cons of each.

Next, there was a discussion about what was Major Housekeeping or Minor Houskeeping. It was decided that Minor changes would be clarifying and cleaning-up language. These would be bundled together on the ballot. Major Housekeeping issues are ones that harmonize and clarify and are needed to make the Charter consistent. These would be either placed separately on the ballot or bundled together by topic. The main point was that any proposed change was to harmonize or clarify. Anything else is beyond the scope of this committee.

A question was asked regarding when is public input solicited? It was determined that once all items are addressed by the committee it would go to

one or more public hearings. The committee would process the public input and then make it's recommendation to the Council. Marlene Feist would be consulted before the public hearings in order to get the word out to the public and media.

Ted Danek recommended that a Roundtable discussion occur to discuss what the intent was when the Charter was written and include various perspectives such as what the voter thought he was voting for at the time. At the next meeting, this topic will be discussed more. Who do you want on this panel? How does it look/work? How will different personalities and perspectives be moderated? There was talk about having this as a Council Connection or televising it in another manner for public education. November or December of this year is a suggested target date.

It was suggested that any topic suggested by the public or this committee that is beyond the scope of the committee should be placed on a "Bucket List". This way it is acknowledged and can be routed through the appropriate channels whether it is a new committee or to direct to the initiative process.

There was a request by a committee member that individual committee members keep comments made in committee meetings be kept at the committee level until such time as the committee, as a whole, feels the item has been developed to the point of public consumption. The goal is to maintain an open discussion of issues as we prepare ideas for public input and consideration. If the public has a comment or concern, they can email them to the Council office, attention Al French so that they can be brought to the committee to be addressed.

Finally, the committee began discussion on the Major Housekeeping categories on the spreadsheet. Below is what was decided:

1. Article 2, Section 6b – accept recommendation
2. Article 2, Section 7 - complete rewrite was done; Change Administrative Officer to City Administrator to keep Charter language consistent. Accept recommended changes
3. Article 2, 8b and 8c – change to minor and accept recommended changes
4. Article 2, Section 8.5A – major – accept recommended changes
5. Article 2, Section 8.5B, C, and D – minor – accept recommended changes
6. Article 2, Section 9A, B, and C – minor – accept recommended changes

Mike P. informed the committee that the Library Board appoints its own Library Director.

**Important dates:**

November 10th – Next meeting