

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
November 10, 2008
City Conference Room 2B
11:00 – 12:00

Present:

City Council

Al French – Chair
Michael Allen

Administration:

Dorothy Webster
Leroy Eadie
Ted Danek

Citizens

Hal Ellis – CA
Sherrie Bryant
Mike Dalessi
Dr. Joseph Albert

Staff:

Karen Corkins
Mike Piccolo
Todd Babcock

Visitors:

Absent:

Administration:

City Council:
Steve Corker

Citizens:

Greg Sweeney

Staff:

Molly Matthews

Minutes from 10/13/08 and 10/27/08 meetings were approved.

Meeting began with a review of the term limits discussion. It's in the current update. It was brought to the committee's attention that the current Charter language is not typical of term limits and that no distinction is made between Council Members and Council President. This will be a separate ballot proposition.

The committee began discussion on the spreadsheet. The committee recommendations are as follows:

1. Article 3, Section 10 – Accept recommendation by adding wording such as “unless council provides notification”. Mike Piccolo will draft this language.
2. Article 3, Section 15b – Mike Piccolo will check with Tim Dunivant in Finance Dept. about any changes and the impact
3. Article 3, Section 16b – Accept recommendations. Discussion occurred regarding the 3 ways the Mayor can veto. (1. All 2. Whole Section or 3. Line Item) It was determined by legal that Line Item is not available due to the fact that it changes the intent and creates legislation. There was also discussion about specifying that the Mayor cannot create legislation should be added to this section. Finally, Mike Piccolo pointed out that Section 24, paragraph 14 deals with the Mayoral veto.
4. Article 7, Section 61 – Mike Piccolo will make this generic so the citizens can have a place in the Charter to refer them to filing process

5. Article 9, Section 85 – Background was given by the Chair
6. Article 9, Section 85a – Accept recommendation – housekeeping
7. Article 9, Section 85b – Take out the reference to the Code
8. Article 9, Section 85d – Strike sentence about councilmanic bonds for capital projects from this section. Major change.
9. Article 9, Section 85e – Take out entire section. Recommend this change to council as housekeeping.

Begin Boards and Commissions Section

1. Article 4, Section 24, Subsection 8 – Accept recommendation
2. Article 5, Section 42 – Accept recommendation. Last sentence not needed.
3. Article 5, Section 43 - Defer until Steve Corker is available to comment
4. Article 5, Section 44b – grammar change, drop “but”
5. Article 5, Section 47 – add “. . . approved by Mayor”.

Ted asked for Article 7, Section 60d to be added to the spreadsheet and to be discussed at a future meeting.

Important dates:

November 17th – New meeting date: 1:00pm

November 24th meeting was cancelled

December 8th – First meeting in December

End of January – Items need to be ready if going to ballot in March