

Unapproved Minutes
Home Rule Charter Committee
Monday June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City's Home Rule Charter Committee was called to order via remote video conference on June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call

- a) Present: Michael Card, AJ Franken (6:05), Stacy Larson, Travis Letellier, Matt Fairholm, Steve Ward
- b) Absent: None
- c) Staff Present: John Prescott (City Manager), James Purdy (Assistant City Manager), Mike Carlson (Finance Officer)

2) Approval of the Minutes

- a) Ward motioned to approve the minutes for the May 26 meeting, seconded by Letellier, motion carried 5-0.

3) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ward to adopt the agenda as printed, seconded by Fairholm. Motion carried 5-0.

4) Visitors to be Heard

No comments given.

5) Old Business

None

6) New Business

- a) Review and discussion of Articles VI-IX

Article VI: Elections

6.01 Deleted reference to fraud and recount which is governed by state statute.

Article VII: General Provisions

7.01 (Conflicts of Interest): Clarified how the Charter defines conflicts with respect to both appointed officials as well as Council members. Discussed whether the City currently has a Conflict of Interest ordinance on the books.

7.02 (a) (1) (Prohibition of Discrimination): Committee discussed language barring discrimination in employment, along with how to include flexible language that will allow for future protections of expanded protected classes.

7.02 (a) (5) (Prohibition of Campaign Contributions): Added this new section to prohibit City employees from engaging in certain partisan activities, while also respecting their right to free speech and engaging in the political process.

7.02 (b) (Penalties): Committee discussed whether to strike this section, adopt Model Charter language, or leave it as a personnel issue. Ultimately, the Committee decided to leave the paragraph, with the addition of "reprimand" as a possible penalty.

Article VIII: Charter Amendments

No major revisions

Article IX: Transition / Severability Provision

9.05 (Effective Date): Made language consistent with other areas of the Charter. Simplified language in order to make it clearer.

7) Adjourn

a) Moved by Letellier to adjourn, seconded by Ward. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be held June 22, 2020 at 6:00, to discuss some final items such as the Charter review process, campaign contributions, redistricting, and the citing of state statutes among others.