

Home Rule Charter Commission Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009
6:45 p.m.

Members Present: Loren Winter, Sharon Whitehill Gray, David Dupree, Jay Jones, Andrew Ellis, Steve Tallaksen, Chris Russell, Robert Wilson, Chandler Johnston, Clayton Hines, John Clarke, Karen Keever. Members Absent: Tom Maher.

Loren Winter Called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Loren Winter asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes, and if so would like a motion to approve them. Robert Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Sharon Whitehill Gray. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Loren Winter asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Chandler Johnston requested that the conflict with sections 5.1 & 4.4 be added. Chandler Johnston made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Sharon Whitehill Gray. All voted aye.

Visitors:

Loren Winter asked if there were any visitors. None were present.

Discussion Items

Conflict of Sections 5.1 and 4.4

Chandler Johnston stated that she felt the conflict was more with Sections 3.8 and 4.4. After much discussion it was decided that the first sentence of Section 3.8 would be stricken, then he/she would be replaced with City Clerk. Then in Section 5.1 the word insert "entire" in the first sentence. It would then read "consent of 2/3 of the "entire" Council." Andrew Ellis made a motion to approve the changes with a second by Steve Tallaksen. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 1 Fiscal Year

Andrew Ellis made a motion to approve Financial Procedures Section 1 Fiscal Year as written in the MML making it Article VII, Section 7.1 with a second by Chris Russell. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 2 Submission of Budget and Budget Message

After a discussion on the best time to present the budget to Council, Clayton Hines made a motion to approve Financial Procedures: Section 2 Submission of Budget and Budget Message as written by Republic, making it Article VII Section 7.2 with a second by Andrew Ellis. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 3 Budget

John Clarke made a motion to approve Section 11.3 of Lee Summit as our Section 7.3 with a second by Steve Tallaksen. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 4 Capital Program

Andrew Ellis suggested combining this section with the section on budget. After much discussion Sharon Whitehill Gray made a motion to approve Section 11.4 of Lee Summit as our Section 7.4 with a second by Karen Kever. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 5 Council Action on Budget

Andrew Ellis made a motion to approve Section 6.5 of the MML with a second by Robert Wilson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 6 Council Action on Budget

It was decided by the Commission to leave this section out.

Financial Procedures: Section 7 Public Records (now section 6)

John Clarke made a motion to approve section 6.7 of the MML as our 7.6 with a second by Loren Winter. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 8 Amendment After Adoption (now section 7)

Brian Bingle requested that the Commission amend Section 7.7(c) to include "within the same Fund" to avoid any misunderstanding as to what this section means. Sharon Whitehill Gray made a motion to approve section 11.7 of Lee Summit's version with the addition of "within the same Fund" added in (C) at the end of the sentence and the replacement of Section 3.13 (f) with Section 3.11 (f) for our section 7.7 with a second by Robert Wilson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 9 Administration of Budget (now section 8)

It was decided by the Commission to leave this section out.

Financial Procedures: Section 10 Tax Rates and Tax Rolls (now section 8)

Brian Bingle asked that if they used MML version to take out "After the budget is finally adopted". After much discussion Chandler Johnston made a motion to approve Section 7.5 of Republic's version as written with a second by Clayton Hines. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Financial Procedures: Section 7.8 (Republic) Bonds

Andrew Ellis made a motion to approve Section 7.8 as written by Republic to be our Section 7.9 with a second by Robert Wilson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Chris Russell made a motion for a 5 minute recess with a second by Chandler Johnston. All voted aye. Meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m. Call to order 8:20 p.m.

Nominations and Elections: Section 1 City Elections (a)

Chandler Johnston commented that she liked Lee Summits version. Andrew Ellis made a motion to approve 8.1(a) as written by Lee Summit with a second by Jay Jones. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections: Section 1 City Elections (b) & (c)

John Clarke made a motion to approve 8.1(b) & (c) as written by Lee Summit with a second by Robert Wilson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections: Section 1 City Elections (d)

Loren Winter stated that we had replaced “qualified” voter with “registered” voter in previous articles and wondered if we shouldn’t change it back. Pat Sweeney recommended that it be changed back to “qualified” as defined in this section. Sharon Whitehill Gray made a motion to approve Section 1(d) as written by Lee Summit and to change “registered” back to “qualified” in any previous article and section with a second by Steve Tallaksen. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections: Section 2 Nominations

Sharon Whitehill Gray made a motion to approve section 9.2 as written by Lee Summit for our 8.2 with a second by Robert Wilson. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections: Section 3 Determination of Election Results

Andrew Ellis made a motion to approve section 9.3 as written by Lee Summit to be our 8.3 with a second by John Clarke. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections: Section 4 City Council Districts

After much discussion on the number of wards and possible changes to the number of wards, John Clark made a motion to approve section 7.4 of the MML as our 8.4 with a second by Jay Jones. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Loren Winter stated that all the Commissioners had a copy of the Draft Charter emailed to them, please take the time to review it. With no further business Steve Tallaksen made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chandler Johnston, all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chandler Johnston, Secretary Home Rule Commission