

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 29, 2024

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Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City of Bastrop Charter Review Commission met on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop Texas. Commissioners present in person: Alex Henley, Connie Schroeder, Debbie Moore, Bernie Jackson, Richard Martin, David Bragg, Jimmy Crouch, Dock Jackson, Ken Kesselus, Judy Enis, Chris Kirby, and Joe Grady Tuck. Commissioner present via Zoom: Robin Peyson. City Staff present: Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney; Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, City Manager; Ann Franklin, City Secretary; and Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:00 p.m. Chair David Bragg called the meeting to order with, a quorum present.

MINUTE APPROVAL

- 2A. Consider action to approve Charter Review Commission minutes from the July 17, 2024, meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dock Jackson to approve the July 17, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner (unsure), motion was approved on a 13-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Consider and act on a recommendation to the City Council of any of the items presented for discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ken Kesselus to reconsider Proposition 5 (Shall Section 3.13 of the Charter be amended to specify that 3 members of the Council shall constitute a quorum?), seconded by Commissioner Dock Jackson, motion was approved on a 10-2 vote. Commissioner Joe Grady Tuck and Chris Kirby voted nay. Unable to hear Commissioner Robin Peyson's vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Crouch to amend Section 3.02 to increase the size of the City Council to 7 by adding one new City Council member and the Mayor only votes in the event of a tie, seconded by Commissioner Chris Kirby, motion failed on a 6-7 vote. Those voting yay: Commissioners Jimmy Crouch, Ken Kesselus, Robin Peyson, Chris Kirby, Dock Jackson, and Joe Grady Tuck. Those voting nay: Commissioners David Bragg, Judy Enis, Alex Henley, Bernie Jackson, Debbie Moore, Connie Schroeder, and Richard Martin.

**CITIZEN COMMENT(S) (spoke after motion was made but before the motion's vote)
Marie Blazek**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ken Kesselus to approved Proposition 5 - Section 3.13 of the Charter be amended to specify that 3 voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum under the Open Meetings Act but 4 are required to conduct business, seconded by Commissioner Connie Schroeder, motion was approved on a 11-2 vote. Commissioner Joe Grady Tuck and Chris Kirby voted nay.

Commissioner Robin Peyson left at 12:52 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Debbie Moore to leave the number of Planning and Zoning Members as it stands in the Charter, seconded by Commissioner Dock Jackson, motion was approved on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Robin Peyson was not present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Grady Tuck to allow the Council to set their own compensation, if any, with the caveat that it would not benefit them during their term of office, only applied after re-election, motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dock Jackson to amend Section 3.07 of the Charter to compensate the Mayor at a rate of \$400 per month and the Council Members at a rate of \$250 per month and sitting Council Members at the time of a compensation increase shall be ineligible to receive additional funds until re-elected, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Crouch, motion was approved on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Robin Peyson was not present.

WORKSHOP

4A. Discussion of items presented and any additional items the commission may want to consider.

No additional items were presented.

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David Bragg, Chair

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary