

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Bellbrook Charter Advisory Committee Meeting
November 29, 2023

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mr. Bill Hopkins called the Meeting of the Bellbrook Charter Advisory Committee to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Bill Hopkins
Ms. Jennifer Leclaire
Ms. Angela Brown
Ms. Katie Taylor
Mr. Stephen Howler

ABSENT

Ms. Amy Stone
Mr. Nick Kuntz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes from August 17, 2023 and September 20, are being deferred until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The committee discussed Section 4.11 vacancies. Extended discussion about the number of appointments should all council positions become vacant. Mr. Schommer mentioned other City Charter's only address vacancies and not replacement of all of council.

Ms. Leclaire asked if the committee was requesting to remove two altogether and place all the positions that are up for re-election.

Mr. Schommer asked if the committee was stating, after the newly appointed members take office, they will fill remaining vacancies in accordance with (Section 4.11.E: Vacancies) The committee agreed.

The committee discussed changing the language in Sections 4.11D, to reference back to Section 12.09. Filling of Vacancies: Vacancies in the office of a member of Council shall be advertised in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the City of Bellbrook and filled within 60 days by vote of a majority of the remaining members of Council.

(Section 4.11D: Filling of vacancies) Vacancies in the office of a member of Council shall be advertised in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the City of Bellbrook and published in accordance to Section 12.09 of this Charter. Vacancies shall be filled within 60 days by vote of a majority of the remaining members of Council.

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Ms. Brown made a Motion for recommended changes to Section 4.11D, Seconded by Ms. Leclaire.
Voting Yea: Ms. Brown, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Leclaire, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Howler
Motion Carries

Mr. Schommer reviewed the recommended changes discussed for Section 4.11: Vacancies

Motion to recommend changes to Section 4.11
Motion made by Ms. Leclaire, Seconded by Ms. Taylor.
Voting Yea: Ms. Brown, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Leclaire, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Howler
Motion Carries

The committee discussed (Section 4.14: Independent Audit) No Changes.

Mr. Schommer explained items that may be a Resolution and items required to be an Ordinance per the current Charter.

The committee discussed Sections 5.01 through 5.04 and recommends no changes.

The committee discussed (Section 12.09: Publish) The procedure for publishing is to post the material in a designated local library and on the City's website and to distribute the material in summary form at least three additional times using one or any combination of the following methods:

(Section 12.09: Publish) The procedure for publishing is to post the material in a designated area of City Hall and distribution via broadcasting or electronic methods likely to attract the citizens of the City of Bellbrook.

Ms. Leclaire made a Motion for recommended changes to Section 12.09, Seconded by Ms. Taylor.
Voting Yea: Ms. Brown, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Leclaire, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Howler
Motion Carries

The committee discussed changing the language in (Section 5.04) Passage of Ordinances. The procedure for publishing is to post the material in a designated local library and on the City's web site and to distribute the material in summary form at least three additional times using one or any combination of the following methods:

(Section 5.04) The procedure for publishing is the same as defined in Section 12.09 of this Charter.

Ms. Leclaire made a Motion for recommended changes to Section 5.04, Seconded by Ms. Brown.
Voting Yea: Ms. Brown, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Leclaire, Mr. Howler
Voting Nay: Ms. Taylor
Motion Carries

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ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

William Hopkins, Chair

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council