

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

March 9, 2020

The Charter Review Commission met at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Multi-Purpose Room on the 9th day of March, 2020, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted in the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

PRESENT:

Mr. Doug Cubberley, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Carol Dillingham
Mr. Jim Eller
Mr. Jim Griffith
Mr. Tom Hackelman
Mr. Kenneth McBride
Mr. Kevin Pipes
Mr. Richard Stawicki
Mr. Bob Thompson, Chairman
Mr. Bryan Vinyard
Ms. Shon Williamson-Jennings

ABSENT:

Ms. Aisha Ali
Mr. Trey Bates

TARDY:

Greg Jungman

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Kathryn Walker, City Attorney
Ms. Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2, being:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020.

Commissioner Stawicki moved that the minutes be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Hackelman;

Items submitted for the record

1. Charter Review Commission minutes of February 10, 2020

and the question being upon approval of the minutes and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

Item 2, continued:

YEAS: Commissioners Cubberley, Dillingham, Eller, Griffith, Hackelman, McBride, Pipes, Stawicki, Vinyard, Williamson-Jennings, Chairman Thompson

NAYES: None

Chairman Thompson declared the motion carried and the minutes approved; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Items 3, being:

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WARD BOUNDARY CREATION PROCESS.

This item was postponed from the previous meeting in an attempt to gain further information regarding Council's specific concerns about the ward boundary process. Chairman Thompson reached out to the councilmember who requested this item be added for review, but did not receive any additional input.

Co-Cubberley moved to that no changes be recommended, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Williamson-Jennings;

Items submitted for the record

1. Draft Charter Review Commission Article XX – Reapportionment.
2. Current Charter Provisions for Article XX – Reapportionment
3. Reapportionment/Ward Boundary Creation and Review Process

and the question being upon recommending no changes, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Cubberley, Dillingham, Eller, Griffith, Hackelman, McBride, Pipes, Stawicki, Vinyard, Williamson-Jennings, Chairman Thompson

NAYES: None

Chairman Thompson declared the motion carried and no changes were recommended.

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Item 4, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF NORMAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FROM NINE MEMBERS TO 11 MEMBERS.

Commissioner Cubberley disclosed he is the Chairman of the Norman Regional Hospital Authority and provided some background on this request. He said Norman Regional Hospital System (NRHS) now has facilities in a regional area and not just Norman. Communities where facilities exist include Noble, Newcastle, Moore, and South Oklahoma City. He said the Board has discussed increasing the membership from nine to 11 to allow for representation from some of the other communities NRHS serves.

Commissioner Vinyard said he would be willing to support the request if it was limited to two members from a community where NRHS has a facility and that Norman retain nine members. At the request of Chairman Thompson, Commissioner Cubberley provided to makeup of the current Board. The Commission directed the City Attorney to prepare language for their consideration at the next meeting. Commissioner Hackelman suggested adding language regarding the diversity of the communities NRHS represents.

Discussion took place with Commissioners Cubberley, Pipes and Eller had a conflict when it comes to making recommendations on NRHS since Commissioners Cubberley and Pipes currently service on the Board and Member Eller works as Chaplain at NRHS. City Attorney Walker said there could be a potential conflict that would require they disclose their association, but there would not be a pecuniary conflict since they all serve as volunteers.

Items submitted for the record

1. Current Charter Provisions for Article XX – Reapportionment
2. Reapportionment/Ward Boundary Creation and Review Process

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Item 4, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NORMAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND THE CITY OF NORMAN FOR EQUITABILITY OF BENEFIT VERSUS BURDEN TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

Commissioners had asked if Councilmember Petrone could attend tonight's meeting to explain her concerns regarding the relationship between Norman Regional Hospital and the City of Norman. Chairman Thompson said he contacted Councilmember Petrone and her response was what are the city's taxpayers and City government getting in return for the current relationship, e.g., cheaper health care?

Item 4, continued:

There had been previous discussions at Council related meetings about NRHS not accepting a particular type of Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) insurance. Commissioner Cubberley said NRHS has been negotiating with BCBS for over two years and have finally come to an agreement for that particular insurance plan. He said every plan and rates are negotiated and oftentimes that process can be very long. Commissioner Vinyard said he negotiated contracts for Emergency Room doctors for 25 years and the negotiations can be very complex. In his experience, BSBC is the hardest company to negotiate with.

Commissioner Cubberley highlighted the Norman Regional Health System Community Benefit Report. Chairman Thompson asked that this report be included in the next quarterly report.

Items submitted for the record

1. Current Charter Provisions for Article IX – Hospital
2. Amended and Restated Trust Indenture for Norman Regional Hospital Authority
3. Inspire Health, Norman Regional Health System Community Benefit dated March 9,2020

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Item 5, being:

MISCELLNEOUS DISCUSSION.

Ms. Hall said the last item for the Commission to discuss is utility rates and it would be on next month's agenda.

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Item 6, being:

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.