

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
631 PERRY STREET, DEFIANCE, OH 43512
CHARTER REVIEW MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 4 2019
5:30 PM

Call to Order

Members Present: Charlie Beard-Chair, Bob Armstrong, Chris Mack, Darrell Handy, Katie Held and Lisa Elders-Clerk. Also, in attendance Sean O'Donnell-Law Director, Todd Helberg- Defiance Crescent News, and Mayor McCann (exit at 5:49)

Handouts:
AGENDA

CHARTER MINUTES:

Approval of May 7, 2019, Mr. Armstrong, seconded; Mr. Handy, Voice Vote, all in favor

Meetings:

April 2 Article III & Article IV
May 7 Article V & Article VI
June 4 Article VII & Article VIII & Article IX
June 18 Finish up recommendations
Meeting will be in Front Conference Room starting at 5:30
Finish by July 1

Article VII
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

7.01 Civil Service

Mr. Mack was questioned why there was not term limits, he stated this Board is very complex and it is better to have experience people. Chair Beard noted it is hard to get people.

7.02 Planning Commission 7.03 Board of Zoning Building Appeals (BZBA)

Mayor McCann stated the pace of Economic Development moves faster then it did when the Charter was first adopted. Going through the process takes time, which could lead to developers walking away. The Administration recommends combining the two Boards together, which would speed up the process. Mr. O'Donnell explained the difference between the Planning Commission and BZBA and why it can hold up the development. Chair Beard asked if the Charter Committee is in an agreement to combine the two. All is in favor of this change.

Article VIII
Taxation

Mr. Handy spoke to Mr. Lehner (Finance Director) and it was noted that Taxation is State mandated, and Mr. Lehner said everything is ok. No changes

Article IX
Transitional Provisions

No Discussion

Revisit List:

1.06 Amendment to Charter <striking the last sentence>, Mr. O'Donnell revisit the issue and recommends not to strike the last sentence

1.07 Charter Review

City Council suggest to add language of the process/procedure to appoint Charter Members. After much discussion it was decided the language should go in the Council Rules and not the Charter

2.07 Compensation <strike the word Party

2.08 Council Employees <adding the Clerk as non-bargaining> this is already in the Council Rules, no need to add to the Charter

2.11 Ordinances and Resolutions <stating throughout the Charter other means of Communication, other then the newspaper> decision was not to change anything

3.03 Compensation, Mr. O'Donnell is preparing language

3.05 Executive Powers

Mr. Armstrong stated the Mayor has salary control over the Administrator, Finance Director and Law Director, however the Mayor doesn't have the funds, the funds are in the General Fund, which Council has the say. There isn't a paper trail, just an agreement between two people. Mr. Armstrong said the Contract Renewal and Compensation should be a Ordinance that goes in front of Council to vote on, signed, and file in the Journey Book. Chair Beard doesn't agree with adding the contract renewal to an Ordinance, that is strictly a contract with the Mayor and Board of Control. Mr. Armstrong disagrees, because City Council represents the people and the people have the right to know. Mrs. Held and Mr. Mack understands Mr. Armstrong points; however, they don't think anything needs to change. Mr. Handy stated there isn't anything to change. Mr. Armstrong suggest that Mr. O'Donnell read the Collective Bargaining Ordinance language, Article 80.88. Discussion will continue next meeting

4.04 Replacing the word percentage with number

Charter Review Committee will meet June 18, 2019 at 5:30 with final recommendations to take to City Council

Mr. O'Donnell Changes:

2.07 Strike the word party

3.03 Prepare language

3.05 Review Collective Bargaining Ordinance language, Article 80.88

4.04 Replace the word percentage with number

Combine Planning Commission & BZBA

Adjourn: 6:50 p.m. Mr. Mack made a motion to adjourn, seconded; Mr. Handy, Voice Vote, all in favor, Motion Carried

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Charter Review Clerk
Lisa Elders

Chair of Charter Review Committee: _____

Charter Clerk: _____

Date: _____, 2019

