



**Charter Review
Commission Minutes
January 19, 2021
Council Chambers
6:00 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 0 - John p. Lowndes, William E. Randolph, Kathleen G. McIver, Sarah Grafton, Karen Simasek

Chair Randolph called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Present were Commission members Grafton, Lowndes, McIver, and Simasek; City Manager Anselmo, Assistant City Manager Reggentin, and City Clerk Waldrop. Also present were Mayor McDonald and Councilmember Guthrie.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Randolph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2020

A motion was made by Member Lowndes to approve the minutes as presented from the December 8, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member McIver. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. RECAP OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The City Manager provided a recap of outstanding issues from the December 8, 2020 meeting. After discussion, the following issues will be addressed at the next meeting:

- Term limits
- Mayor ineligible at next election if termed out
- Compensation
- Run-off Elections
- Qualifying Period during PPP
- Rights of Nature/Right to Clean Water

V. PUBLIC PERIOD

Chair Randolph opened the Public Period. There being no one who wished to be heard, Chair Randolph closed the Public Period.

VI. DECISIONS**1. CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT LANGUAGE - GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE**

The City Manager stated in review of the existing Charter, there are a number of areas where the language was gender-specific forms of pronouns and possessive. The City Attorney has drafted the attached ballot language and outlined their recommendations for changing to gender-neutral language.

After reviewing, the Commission recommended replacing they/their to Council members.

2. CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT LANGUAGE - MAYORAL SUCCESSION AMENDMENT

The City Manager stated in review of Charter Section 2.02 Mayor, this section first states that the vice mayor shall become Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term and finishes that if the Mayor's seat is vacated a new Mayor shall be elected at the next election. These two actions are in conflict with each other, and the City Attorney has drafted the attached ballot language, which would require the vice mayor would serve as Mayor until the next election.

After discussion, this item will be brought back at the next meeting.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS**VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS OR WORK SESSIONS****IX. DISCUSSION OR OTHER ITEMS BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE****X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Chairman	Date
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Attest:

_____ Date _____

Print Name _____