

CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

JULY 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pleasant at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Pleasant, Alicia Adams, Rebecca Wever, Mike Rose, Gary McKinley, Alan Seymour

Mr. Pleasant stated the purpose of the meeting tonight is to discuss possible amendments to the recommendations. The Charter Review Board recommended nine amendments. Council got together with the Mayor and Administration to discuss the recommendations.

Mr. Pleasant confirmed what Mr. McKinley had previously stated. Whatever recommendations are made by the Charter Review Board, Council must certify those recommendations for the ballot.

Charter Review Board has been asked to take a second look at the recommendations. The fear is that with nine ballot issues, some may be voted down.

Mr. Pleasant explained 7.01. Originally, the residency requirement was suggested for change. It is thought that since the residency requirement is law, the City will adhere to the law. The residency requirement language will be struck because it would be in violation of the law but would not be a ballot issue. The amendment proposed in 7.01 will deal with job requirements for the Finance Director.

Section 4.01 – Ordinances, Resolutions, Manner of Adoption and Effective Date. That amendment will remain as a recommendation.

Section 9.03.01 – Planning Commission. That amendment will remain as a recommendation.

Section 10.11 – Contracts and Purchasing. That amendment will remain as a recommendation.

Mr. Pleasant noted the recommendation to change the title “Director of Administration” to “City Administrator” be struck and that the City will continue

to use the title “Director of Administration.” He noted to Council at the last Council meeting that the Charter Review Board would like them to further explore the forms of government. He also passed along that there were members of this committee that would like to serve on such a committee.

Mr. Pleasant said a new Certificate of Completion is necessary in order to amend the recommendations to Council. A majority of this Board has already signed the Certificate of Completion with the nine (9) recommendations, which has been presented to Council. If the Board has a majority sign the revised “Certificate of Completion” with the four (4) recommendations, that Certificate of Completion will supersede the first one. If there is not a majority, the first document will stand as recommended.

Mr. McKinley agreed that the other five recommendations were not as substantive as the four being proposed. He did question the residency requirement in 6.01. Mr. Pleasant said that language will be removed from the Charter, along with the language in 7.01. It is law. It will not go on the ballot. The voters can’t vote it down and if they do, it wouldn’t make a difference. Mr. McKinley agreed and is okay with the proposed amended recommendations.

A majority of the members signed the new Certificate of Completion with four (4) recommendations. Those recommendations will be forwarded to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.