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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD: MINUTES April 22, 2024

Chair Weller called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Chair Sue Weller – Present Member Lynn Jamison- Present Member Jacob Newton - Present Member Christy Swilley – Present Member Julie Tapia-Ruano -Present

Staff Present:

Angela Stone, City Clerk Jami Echeverri, Assistant City Clerk Clay Martin, City Attorney

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of April 8, 2024 Charter Review Minutes.

Motion Member Newton to approve the minutes of the April 8th, 2024, Charter Review Meeting Minutes. Second Member Swilley Motion carried 5-0.

2. DISCUSS POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Chair Weller reviewed the proposed language submitted by the Attorney and asked for any edits and opinions.

Member Jamison motioned to approve charter amendment to section 2.03 as amended. Motion Second Member Swilley Motion Passed 5-0 CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MINUTES April 22, 2024 PAGE 2 OF 3

Member Tapia-Ruano motioned to accept charter section 2.04 as amended. Motion Second Member Newton Motion Passed 5-0

Member Newton motioned to approve amended language with the addition of 'either publicly or privately directly or indirectly' to section 2.06 Motion Second Member Swilley Motion Passed 5-0

Member Newton Motioned to approve amendment to section 3.04 number 11 with the language provided. Motion Second Member Swilley Motion Passed 5-0

Member Jamison motioned to approve section 5.02 as amended. Motion Second Member Swilley Motion Passed 5-0

Member Tapia-Ruano motioned to approve changes to section 5.05 list of properties as amended. Motion Second Member Newton Motion Passed 5-0

Attorney Walker advised he had received feedback from the Supervisor of Election Kim Barton, and she advised that in order to hold a run-off election she requires 4 weeks at minimum.

Member Jamison believes that (4.08) implementing a run-off election would create too great of a burden and without an accurate voter representation.

Member Newton is also concerned about the proximity of a run-off election to the Christmas holidays further affecting the voter representation.

Member Jamison Motioned to add new language as discussed to section 2.02.(The candidate running for a party seat that receives the greatest number of votes is the winner. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the flip of a coin by the City Clerk on the day of the election)

Motion Second Tapia-Ruano Motion Passed 5-0

Member Jamison Motioned to strike the last sentence of section 3.01 which permits the commission to combine the offices of City Clerk and City Manager. Motion Second Member Swilley Motion Passed 5-0

Member Swilley motioned to approve the addition of language to section 4.03. Motion Second Member Tapia-Ruano Motion Passed 5-0 CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MINUTES April 22, 2024 PAGE 3 OF 3

Member Tapia-Ruano motioned to approve changes to section 5.04 as amended with language of two new paragraphs provided by the attorney. Motion Second Member Swilley Motion Passed 5-0

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Linda Jones stated, and Chair Weller asked for it to be included in the record that she (Ms. Jones) does not approve of the "plurality" option regarding the election process in the Charter.

Member Newton motioned to adjourn. Member Jamison seconded. Chair Weller adjourned at 7:18 pm