



Charter Commission
April 11, 2014
APPROVED April 25, 2014

The Charter Commission met in the Claremont City Hall Council Chambers on April 11, 2014. Chairman George Caccavaro called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The following members were present: Russell Fowler; Raymond Gagnon; Ronald Gilbert; Cynthia Howard; Nicholas Koloski; Paul LaCasse; Philip Osgood and George Caccavaro, Chairman. Robert Porter arrived at 6:07 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Correspondence

Chairman read emails into the record from D. Lewis, M. Walker, M. Davis, D. Matteau and a hand-written note to C. Howard from Mr. & Mrs. Bean.

Chairman's Notes

Chairman clarified Roberts Rules regarding possible reconsideration. Rules can be suspended and revote taken if anyone in majority makes that motion.

Public Forum

- B. Folta-discussed Roberts Rules and availability of minutes and public documents-Chairman addressed the issue.
- J Maranville-requested copies of Manchester Charter be made available-Chairman agreed to have for next meeting.
- S.Picano-commented that people are paying attention.
- Commissioner Osgood discussed the current petition.
- P Bonneau-disagreed with current course of action-more representation from each ward.
- Commissioner Gagnon asked for clarification of process used to fire a City Manager.
- B.Folta-discussed removal process for City Manager.
- Mr. Maranville-discussed status of Manager's contract, employment and misinformation associated with these issues.
- Chairman Caccavaro started a heated discussion with Mr. Maranville lasting about 5 minutes.
- Commissioner Gagnon discussed full-time vs part-time Mayor and possible conflicts of interest.

NOTE TO MINUTES: ALL MOTIONS TO ADOPT ARE CONSIDERED AS TENTATIVE ADOPTION SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW.

Manchester Charter Revisions

- MOTION made by Bob Porter to have Mayoral candidates come before the public to be vetted was DEFFERED to the next meeting by a vote of 6:2 (LaCasse, Howard) with Chair abstaining.
- Discussed Sect 2.10-Mr. LaCasse MOVED to adopt Mr. Osgood's proposed language to this section, Mr. Porter SECONDED. Motion PASSED 7:1 (Howard), Chair abstained.
- During discussion a MOTION TO RECONSIDER was made by Mr. LaCasse and SECONDED by Mrs. Howard. The motion FAILED 7-1 (Howard), Chair abstained.
- Sect 3.01C-MOTION made by Mr. Porter, SECONDED by Mr. Gilbert to add "and existing labor agreements" to this section. Motion PASSED 7-1 (Osgood), Chair abstained.
- 3.02A discussed and put on hold pending more information.
- 3.02 B-MOTION to adopt B as amended to remove "the adoption of this charter" and substitute "of his/her election." Made by Mr. Porter, SECONDED by Mrs. Howard, PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.
- 3.03 MOTION made by Mr. Gilbert, SECONDED by Mr. Osgood to remove "or" after "by the mayor" and insert "and" - also to change number of aldermen from 8 to 5. Motion PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.
- 3.04 A-B-C-D MOTION by Mr. Porter, SECONDED by Mr. Osgood to adopt with change in D to add "with input from the relevant committee," PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained. Sect 3.04E needs further information at next meeting.
- 3.05 MOTION by Mr. Gilbert, SECONDED by Mr. LaCasse to adopt. PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.
- 3.06 MOTION by Mr. Porter, SECONDED by Mr. Osgood to change number to "6" and adopt. Motion PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.
- 3.07 add "Any vacancy in the position of;" B on HOLD; C add "in the event of any vacancy" and substitute "Finance Director" for "Finance Officer." MOTION by Mr. Gilbert, SECONDED by Mrs. Howard, PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.
- 3.08/3.09 Adopt on MOTION by Mr. Porter, SECONDED by Mr. Osgood, PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:05 by Mr. Osgood, SECONDED by Mr. Gilbert, PASSED 8-0, Chair abstained.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Koloski
Acting Secretary