

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
APRIL 14, 2015**

1. Declaration of quorum and call meeting to order
The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Roll call
Present: Fred Raschke, Greg Garrison, Richard Batie, Steve Greenberg, Elizabeth Beeton, Taylor Schwab, Rocky Sullivan, Don Davison, and Raymond Lewis.
3. Approval of the March 26, 2015 Minutes
Motion was made by Taylor Schwab, second by Raymond Lewis, to approve the March 26, 2015 minutes. Unanimously approved.

4. Discuss and review recommendations to amend the City Charter
 - a. **Motion was made by Greg Garrison, second by Elizabeth Beeton, to use the proposed language with the inclusion of the word “constitution”. Unanimously approved.**

To read: “In order to establish a municipal government which will preserve and protect the God-given and lawful rights, and the equal status under the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Texas, of every individual, which will protect our natural resources, and which will ensure the proper and efficient expenditure of the public funds, the people of this community, exercising their rights of self-government and affirming their beliefs in those principles do ordain these provisions for the Charter of this City.”

- b. **No action taken on Article 1, Section 6, Annexation of Territory.**
 - c. **Motion was made by Steve Greenberg, second by Raymond Lewis, to amend Article II—The Council, Section 1—Number and Term of Office to two three-year staggered terms.**

In favor: Richard Batie, Steve Greenberg, Taylor Schwab, Rocky Sullivan, Don Davison, and Raymond Lewis, and Fred Raschke.

In opposition: Greg Garrison and Elizabeth Beeton.

Motion passes.

- d. **Motion was made by Steve Greenberg, second by Fred Raschke, to amend Article II—The Council, Section 16—Limitation on Number of Terms of Councilmembers to include a six year term limit (total) in any position of Mayor or Council.**

In favor: Fred Raschke, Taylor Schwab, Rocky Sullivan, Richard Batie, and Steve Greenberg.

In opposition: Greg Garrison, Raymond Lewis, Don Davison, and Elizabeth Beeton.

Motion passes.

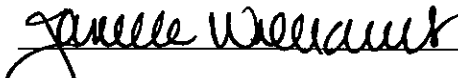
- e. Motion was made by Raymond Lewis, second by Steve Greenberg, to amend Article II—The Council, Section 2—Qualifications, to read “A person elected to Council must have attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age”.

In favor: Fred Raschke, Greg Garrison, Richard Batie, Taylor Schwab, Don Davison, and Raymond Lewis.

In opposition: Rocky Sullivan, Elizabeth Beeton, and Steve Greenberg.

Motion passes.

- f. No action taken on Article II—The Council, Section 2—Qualifications, Subsection (c).
- g. No action taken on Article II—The Council, Section 2—Qualifications, proposed Subsection (d).
- h. Motion was made by Raymond Lewis, second by Steve Greenberg, to amend Article II—The Council, Section 2—Qualifications, by amending the proposed language to read “A person employed by the City or any agency of the City shall be separated from employment on the day they take office”. Unanimously approved.
5. Set date and time of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
6. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary