

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 12, 2015**

1. Declaration of quorum and call meeting to order
With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Roll call
Present: Fred Raschke, Greg Garrison, Elizabeth Beeton, Taylor Schwab, Rocky Sullivan, Don Davison, and Raymond Lewis.

Absent: Richard Batie.
3. Approval of minutes for the September 1, 2015 meeting
No action.
4. Public Comment
5. Discuss and review final recommendations to amend the City Charter
 - a. **Discussion was held regarding previous amendments to Article XIV, Section 12 - Official Newspaper, and Section 16 – Sale of Property.**
 - b. **Don Glywasky recommended two changes to Article XIV, Section 21 – Ethics Commission: (1) to remove city employees from being subject to the Ethics Commission, and (2) to remove the language “and enforce” and add “report its findings to Council.”**
 - c. **Motion was made by Fred Raschke, second by Taylor Schwab, to amend Section 21 – Ethic, to keep in “city employees” in both places, to remove language “and enforce” and add “and report its findings to Council” to Section 21 – Ethics.**

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

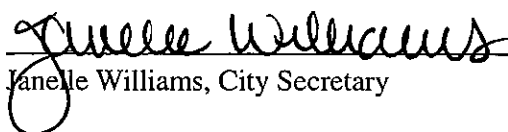
In opposition: Elizabeth Beeton.

Motion carries.

Elizabeth Beeton requested the minutes reflect she would like to follow the recommendations of the City Attorney to remove city employees.
 - d. **Motion was made by Elizabeth Beeton, second by Greg Garrison, to amend Section 16 – Sale of Property, approving the recommended language “as permitted by state law.” Unanimously approved.**
 - e. **Motion was made by Elizabeth Beeton, second by Greg Garrison, to amend Section 16 – Sale of Property, adding language “provided that the sale or disposition is reported in a public forum or medium, to be designated by Council in said ordinance.” Unanimously approved.**
 - f. **Rocky Sullivan recommended an amendment to Article II, Section 7 – Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, granting authority to the Mayor to act as an economic champion for**

the City with the ability to grant tax incentives. Copies of the Texas City charter were provided to committee members. Rocky will come back at the next meeting with specific recommendations.

- g. Discussion was held regarding eliminating Article VII – Finance, Section 16 – Sale of Bonds. Staff will work with the City’s financial advisor and bring back some language to the committee.
 - h. Discussion was held regarding Article VII – Finance, Section 17 – Purchase Procedure, Subsection (2) related to the competitive bidding process.
 - i. Motion was made by Elizabeth Beeton, second by Greg Garrison, to amend Article VII – Finance, Section 17 – Purchase Procedure, Subsection (3) by adding the language “provided that the expenditure over \$15,000 and the amount thereof is reported in a public form or medium, to be designated by Council in said ordinance.” Unanimously approved.
 - j. Discussion was held regarding Article II – The Council, Section 2 – Qualifications, related to the definition of residency.
 - k. Motion was made by Rocky Sullivan, second by Elizabeth Beeton, to remove Article II – The Council, Section 2 – Qualifications, Subsection (d) “A person who is employed by the City or any agency thereof is permitted to run for any political office in this State, County, or City.” Don Glywasky will move this item to the appropriate section of the charter. Unanimously approved.
 - l. Discussion was held regarding Article II – The Council, Section 10 – Meetings of the Council, related to how the agendas are set.
- 6. Discuss and consider providing direction to staff on submission of an interim report to the City Council
Don Glywasky will prepare a memo for the chair’s signature and provide to Council.
 - 7. Discuss and consider preparation of final report to the City Council on recommended changes to the City Charter
N/A.
 - 8. Set date and time of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
 - 9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary