

**MINUTES**  
**HALTOM CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**City Hall – Pre Council Room**  
**5024 Broadway Avenue**  
**January 19, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Haltom City Charter Review Committee on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the City Hall Pre-Council Room with the following members present to-wit: Chairman Jimbo White, Vice-Chair Bill Lanford; Committee Members: Birdi Blocker, Don Lemaster, Layla Caraway, Steve Chapman, Scott Garrett, Jack Lewis and Linda Thompson. City Staff included City Manager Tom Muir and City Secretary Art Camacho.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated his absence from the last meeting was due to being hospitalized. Committee Member Thompson moved, seconded by Committee Member Caraway, to approve Chair White's absence. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Consideration and/or action to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Charter Review Committee Meeting. A change was made in regard to the meeting date in the opening paragraph. Committee Member Thompson moved, seconded by Committee Member Lemaster, to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2015, with the correction. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
  
2. **Charter Revisions** – Consideration and/or action regarding revisions to the City Charter. Chair White began the revisions and a discussion was held regarding Sec. 3.05 – *Compensation*. The Board reviewed the information containing compensation data from area cities and a discussion was held regarding the current Haltom City Council compensation. Committee Member Lemaster moved, seconded by Committee Member Blocker, to raise the compensation for the Haltom City Council to (1) \$50 for Mayor per meeting; (2) \$25 for each Council member per meeting. ***Vice Chair Lanford and Committee Members Lemaster, Blocker, Thompson, Caraway, Chapman, Lewis and Garrett voted aye. Chair White voted nay. Motion carried.***  
*Sec. 3.02. - Qualifications for city council* – City Manager Tom Muir stated the City Attorney's office is still working on this section revision regarding the wording "finally convicted of a felony" and other qualification criteria.  
*Sec. 3.07 a. – Attendance requirements* – A discussion was held regarding the word "consecutive" and how the Council's attendance behavior mirrors the rest of the city boards. The addition of the words "within one term" was also discussed. Committee Member Garrett moved, seconded by Committee Member Lemaster, to remove the word "consecutive" from subsection (a) and add language to the effect of "per term." ***Chair White and Committee Members Garrett, Lemaster, Chapman, and Lewis voted aye. Vice Chair Lanford and Committee Members Caraway, Thompson, and Blocker voted nay. Motion carried.***  
*Section 3.08 – Quorum* – A discussion was held regarding the quorum number, meeting situation, and majority definition.  
*Section 3.09 – Mayor pro-tem* – No changes were made.  
*Section 3.10 – The mayor* – No changes were made.  
*Section 3.11 – Appointment or removal by city council* – A discussion was held regarding the phrase "guilty of a misdemeanor" and the legal issues involved in the removal action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair White announced the next meeting will be held on February 2, 2015 and requested the Committee Members be familiar up to Article 6. He adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. on January 19, 2015.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

*Art Camacho*

Art Camacho, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

*Jimbo White*

Jimbo White, Chairman