

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair White called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. **Committee Member Absence** – Chair White stated Vice Chair Lanford and Committee Member Thompson had previously notified him of their absence from this meeting. City Secretary Camacho stated Committee Member Caraway had sent him an email prior to this meeting indicating a scheduling conflict. Committee Member Garrett moved, seconded by Committee Member Blocker, to approve Vice Chair Lanford and Committee Member Thompson's absence. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.*** The Committee will consider Committee Member Caraway's absence at the end of the meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Consideration and/or action to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2015 Charter Review Committee Meeting. Committee Member Blocker moved, seconded by Committee Member Garrett, to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2015. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

2. **Charter Revisions** – Consideration and/or action regarding revisions to the City Charter. City Manager Tom Muir stated he has not received any information he requested from the city attorney regarding previous revisions. Chair White began the revisions starting with the following:

Sec. 5.06 – Independent audit – City Manager Tom Muir relayed to the Committee that the Haltom City Finance Director viewed this item and agreed with the current charter regarding the auditor service period of five years.

Sec. 5.07 – Power to tax – no changes

Sec. 5.08 – Exempt property - no changes

Sec. 5.09 – Franchise fees - no changes

Sec. 5.10 – Disbursement of funds - no changes

Committee Member Don Lemaster left the meeting at 5:45 p.m. to attend another engagement.

Article VI. RECALL OF OFFICERS

As the Committee began to discuss *Article VI*, Chair White stated that he would rather see the complete Committee present to discuss and possibly revise this section because of its nature. It was agreed that City Secretary Art Camacho provide the Committee with information from area cities regarding their requirements for recalling elected officers, along with attachments from *Section 277.002 – Texas Election Code*, prior to the next meeting.

Article VII. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Sec. 7.01 – General power - no changes

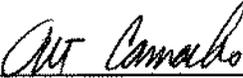
- Sec. 7.02 – Initiative procedure - no changes
- Sec. 7.03 – Referendum - no changes
- Sec. 7.04 – Voluntary submission of legislation by the council - no changes
- Sec. 7.05 – Form of ballots - no changes
- Sec. 7.06 – Publication of proposed and referred ordinances - no changes
- Sec. 7.07 – Adoption of ordinance - no changes

A discussion was held regarding binding and non-binding referendums, the differences between resolutions and ordinances, and the cost of printing the special election notices in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

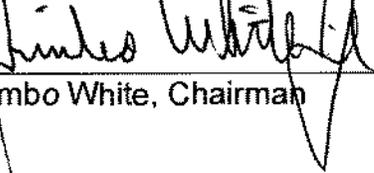
Chair White announced the next meeting will be held on March 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. He then moved, seconded by Committee Member Garrett, to approve the absence of Committee Member Caraway. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** He adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m. on February 19, 2015.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Jimbo White, Chairman