

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
City Hall – Pre Council Room
5024 Broadway Avenue
March 2, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

A Regular Meeting was held by the Haltom City Charter Review Committee on Thursday, March 2, 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, Linda Thompson, Don Lemaster, Steve Chapman, Scott Garrett, Layla Caraway and Jack Lewis. There were no absences to consider. 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.

1. **Charter Revisions** – Consideration and/or action regarding revisions to the City Charter. Chair White stated that Article VI would be reviewed this evening because of the 4 eventual absences from the last meeting. City Manager Tom Muir stated he received information from the city attorney regarding the following previous revisions:
Sec. 3.02 – Qualifications for city council - (5) – Not be in arrears in the payment of any taxes or other liability due the city – The city attorney stated she knew of no other city that included other taxing entities (county or state) in their charter for city council qualifications. Committee Member Lanford stated the state legislature is heavily considering dissolving home rule cities.
Chair White began the revisions starting with the following:
Sec. 6.01- Recall authorized – Several committee members stated that after reviewing neighboring city charters, they would like to see (1) an established reason for initiating the recall; (2) a public hearing for the accused to defend and explain their actions. A discussion was held regarding the reasons for a recall and the long-term effects on the community.
Sec. 6.02 – Petition for filing – Filing requirements – The Committee felt that a recall petition should have a higher percent of qualified voters, which they would like to increase to 51% from the last municipal election.
Sec. 6.03 – Same – Form – No changes were made.
Sec. 6.04 – Same – Various papers constituting – No changes were made.
Sec. 6.05 – Presentation to city council – No changes were made.
Sec. 6.06 – Reserved - A charter copy from the 1996 Charter Election was reviewed for comparison purposes. The Committee is favorable for allowing a public hearing for an elected official who is the subject of a recall.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Consideration and/or action to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2015 Charter Review Committee Meeting. Committee Member Blocker moved, seconded by Committee Member Caraway, to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2015. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

ADJOURNMENT

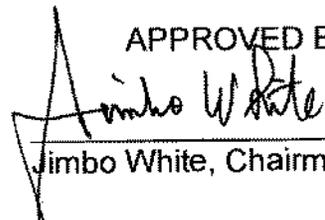
Chair White announced the next meeting will be held on March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. on March 2, 2015.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Jimbo White, Chairman

