

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
City Hall – Pre Council Room
5024 Broadway Avenue
June 15, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.

A Regular Meeting was held by the Haltom City Charter Review Committee on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the City Hall Pre-Council Room with the following members present: Chairman Jimbo White, Vice Chair Bill Lanford; Committee Members: Don Lemaster, Steve Chapman, Birdi Blocker, Linda Thompson. Committee Member Jack Lewis arrived at 5:45 p.m. Committee Member Layla Caraway was absent. City Staff included City Manager Tom Muir, City Secretary Art Camacho, and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Consideration and/or action to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Charter Review Committee Meeting. Committee Member Linda Thompson moved, seconded by Committee Member Don Lemaster, to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2015. *The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.*
2. **Charter Revisions** – Consideration and/or action regarding revisions to the City Charter. City Manager Tom Muir and City Attorney Betsy Elam presented a section-by-section charter table for reviewing legal comments and explanations. The Committee covered the following:
 1. *Article I – Boundaries and Annexations* – No changes were made.
 2. *Article II – Powers*
 - A. *Section 2.03(1)* – kept the added change “and city secretary.”
 - B. *Section 2.03(2)* – kept the moving of the item to *Section 9.01(c)*.
 - C. *Section 2.03(5)* – No change was made.
 - D. *Section 2.03(11)* – The deletion was kept.
Section 2.03 was renumbered to the changes made.
 3. *Article III – City Council*
 - A. *Sec. 3.01a(d)* – This deletion was kept.
Sec. 3.02 – Qualifications for city council.
 - B. *Sec. 3.02 (6)* – A discussion was held regarding the status of a candidate is situated to “finally convicted,” whereas a current Council Member may be removed from office for only being “convicted.”
 - C. *Sec. 3.02(7)* – The wording “except as permitted by state law” was added to the end of the statement.
 - D. *Sec. 3.02(8)* - The wording “except as permitted by state law” was added to the end of the statement.
 - E. *Sec. 3.05 – Compensation* – A discussion was held regarding the decision made during the January 19, 2015 Charter Review Committee meeting where the compensation was changed from \$10 per meeting for both the Mayor and Council members to \$50 for the Mayor and \$25 for the Council members per meeting. Several Committee members inclined to change the compensation back to the original rate of \$10 and the defining criteria for a

meeting, along with the "designated actual expenses supported by receipt" was also discussed.

4. Article IV – Nominations and Elections

Sec. 4.03 – Filing for office

- A. *Sec. 4.03(a)7* - The wording "except as permitted by state law" was added to the end of the statement.
- B. *Sec. 4.03(b)* – A discussion was held regarding the tightening of candidate application qualifications and the Committee desired to have the wording "The application must be accompanied by two (2) forms of identification required by state law to identify a voter." inserted in that section.

Chair White advised the Committee on the timeline of finishing the charter review and also his concerns regarding the limitation of only 2 voting processes per item.

3. **Committee Member Absence** – Consideration and/or action regarding excused absences of committee members. Vice Chair Bill Lanford moved, seconded by Committee Member Linda Thompson, to approve the absence of Layla Caraway. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

Chair White stated the next scheduled Charter Review meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. on June 15, 2015.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary



Jimbo White, Chairman
Wm. LANFORD, VICE-CHAIRMAN