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MINUTES
City of Dickinson
CHARTER REVIEW
COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Scott Shrader
Johnnie Simpson, Jr.

January 8, 2020

The Charter Review Commission of the City of Dickinson met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL MEETING** on **Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting was held in Conference Room 1 of Dickinson City Hall located at 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas, and was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commission Chairman Ivan Langford called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. and certified a quorum. Commission Members present were as follows: Deborah Fortner, Bruce Henderson, Ivan Langford, and Scott Shrader. Commission Member Johnnie Simpson, Jr. was absent. Also present were Mayor Julie Masters, Council Member Wally Deats, City Secretary Alun Thomas, and City Attorney Scott Bounds.

ITEM 2.) PUBLIC COMMENTS: At this time, any person with Commission-related business may speak to the Commission. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Commission may not deliberate. **Comments from the public should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per individual speaker.**

H Scott Apley, 4905 East 34th Street, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Apley expressed his support for term limits with the limits being retroactive. However, he believes that the Councilmember positions should be treated differently to the position of Mayor, to allow Councilmembers the opportunity to move up to the role of Mayor. He also said that the City should not allow Councilmembers to jump between different at-large positions as a way to circumvent the intention of term limits.

Mayor Masters addressed the Committee and thanked its members for their service to the City. She said that she disagrees with adding term limits to the City Charter, saying that the voters should get to decide who they want to represent them.

Council Member Wally Deats thanked the Committee for its efforts.

ITEM 3.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Approval of the Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Special Meeting.

Commission Member Shrader made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 Special Meeting, and Commission Member Henderson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Chairman Langford called for the vote.

VOTE:

4 AYES (Fortner, Henderson, Langford, Shrader)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 4.) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING: Review of the City Charter.

Chairman Langford said that the goal of the Commission for this meeting is to finish deciding on the proposed changes so that he can write a letter to City Council to serve as the Commission's Final Report. City Attorney Scott Bounds discussed the Final Report and said that it would be beneficial to put a detailed explanation of the Report on the City's website so that the public can better understand the propositions.

The Commission then briefly discussed Commission Member Fortner's assertion that the appointment of a City Secretary should be made by City Council, and not given instead to a City Manager. The Commission discussed term limits in depth, and the possible effects of such limits.

City Attorney Scott Bounds concluded the discussion by clarifying the role of the City Council in presenting any proposed Charter amendments to the voters.

ITEM 5.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Scheduling of the Next Commission Meeting.

None.

ITEM 6.) ADJOURN

Commission Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., and Commission Member Shrader seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Chairman Langford called for the vote.

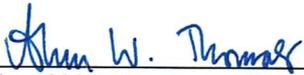
VOTE:

4 AYES (Fortner, Henderson, Langford, Shrader)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

The Charter Review Commission's Final Report was accepted by City Council on the 14th day of January, 2020.



Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary

