

Charter Commission

Brenda Hamstead
Bill O'Connor
Ron Wallace
David Shannon
Peyton Jamison
Bob Meyers

City Hall - Community Center
2006 Heritage Walk
Milton, Georgia 30004

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Minutes

10:00 AM

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM by the Chair, Bob Meyers.

Present: Members Brenda Hamstead, Bill O'Connor, Ron Wallace, Peyton Jamison, David Shannon, and Bob Meyers, Molly Esswein and Citizen Tim Becker were also present, with Stacey Inglis, Steve Krokoff, and City Council member Bill Lusk joining the meeting later.

Bob Meyers made an opening statement regarding the work to be done by the Charter Commission and emphasized that meetings are open to the public and the public is welcome to attend.

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda: Peyton Jamison

2nd: Ron Wallace

Vote: 6-0 - Motion passed

3) Approval of April 13, 2017 Minutes

Motion to Approve the April 13, 2017 Minutes: Bill O'Connor

2nd: Peyton Jamison

Vote: 6-0 - Motion passed

4) Public Comment

No public comments were made at this time

5) Review of Suggested Charter Changes

The Charter Commission discussed the remaining proposed amendments to be reviewed and approved by the Charter Commission to Section 3.18 and Section 3.22(4)/3.25.

Proposed amendment to Section 3.18 – Municipal Powers

Motion to approve the circulated changes, as reflected in blue: Bob Meyers

2nd: Peyton Jamison

Vote: 6-0 - Motion passed

Proposed amendments to Section 3.22(4) – Powers and duties of mayor and Section 3.25 – Powers and duties of the city manager

The Charter Commission discussed the proposed amendments. Clarification was provided by Stacey Inglis and Steve Krokoff that the circulated changes reflecting language stricken in section 3.22(4) was incorrect. Rather the recommended change was to copy this language to Section 3.25 as reflected on the circulated changes in green, or to adopt alternate verbiage for Section 3.25 as reflected on the circulated changes in blue. There was a discussion regarding the potential conflict between the powers and duties of the mayor and the powers and duties of the city manager by incorporating the changes as distributed. Stacey Inglis left the meeting to obtain clarification from Carter Lucas.

The Chair proposed postponing continued discussion of the suggested changes until clarification from staff could be provided.

6) The Chair recognized City Council member Bill Lusk

City Council member Bill Lusk made a statement of appreciation to the Charter Commission regarding their work related to the Charter.

7) Discussion of Next Meeting Date

A discussion occurred involving the next meeting date and there being no need for an additional meeting pending the approval of all changes at the meeting today.

8) New Business

No action taken

9) Resume Discussion of Suggested Charter Changes

There was a discussion by the Charter Commission regarding communication with the General Assembly to transmit any proposed amendments to the Charter. There was a discussion by the Charter Commission regarding the possibility of receiving input from the local delegation and by City Council.

The Chair recognized City Council member Bill Lusk, who made a comment regarding the ability of the City Council to independently revise the Charter without the need for the Charter Commission if any changes were required the Charter Commission did not recommend.

The Chair recognized citizen Tim Becker, who made a statement objecting to the presence of any member of the City Council being present at meetings of the Charter Commission.

Stacey Inglis rejoined the meeting and the Charter Commission continued discussing the proposed revisions to Section 3.22(4) and Section 3.25.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to Section 3.25, as reflected in blue on the circulated draft of the Charter: Ron Wallace.

2nd: Bill O'Connor

Brenda Hamstead expressed concern regarding a potential conflict between Section 3.22(4) and the proposed revision to Section 3.25 and there was a discussion of adding qualifying language "As delegated by the City Council" in front of the proposed revisions to Section 3.25 to resolve the conflict.

Molly Esswein briefly left the meeting and returned to confirm that City Attorney, Ken Jarrard, was comfortable with the recommended changes to Section 3.25 as reflected in blue, provided that qualifying language was inserted.

Bill O'Connor withdrew his 2nd, and Ron Wallace withdrew his motion to approve the amendment to Section 3.25.

Motion to leave Section 3.22(4) as is without revision: Bill O'Connor

2nd: Peyton Jamison

Vote: 6-0 - Motion passed

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to Section 3.25, as reflected in blue on the circulated draft of the Charter, prefaced by "As delegated by the City Council": Bill O'Connor

2nd: Peyton Jamison

Vote: 6-0 – Motion passed.

Motion to approve the circulated redline of the previously approved changes, together with the changes approved by the Charter Commission at the meeting today: Brenda Hamstead.

2nd: David Shannon

Vote: 6-0 – Motion passed.

There was a discussion by the Charter Commission regarding communication with the General Assembly to transmit any proposed amendments to the Charter and recommendation to the City Council of the proposed changes to the Charter.

Motion to have staff provide City Council with the Charter Commission's recommended changes to the Charter to be submitted to the General Assembly: Ron Wallace
2nd: Bill O'Connor
Vote: 6-0 - Motion passed.

10) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Peyton Jamison
2nd: David Shannon
Vote: 6-0 - Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM

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