

MILTON CHARTER COMMISSION

January 11, 2012 Meeting

Minutes/Agenda Summary

- I. Called meeting to order
The meeting was called to order and a quorum assembled at or around 5 p.m. in Milton City Hall.

The following Commission members were in attendance: George Ragsdale, Gordon Hunter, Ron Wallace, Robert Meyers, and David Shannon.

Other in attendance were City Manager Chris Lagerbloom, City Attorney Ken Jarrard, and Administrative Assistance Christine Doss.

- II. A motion and second were made to approve the posted meeting agenda, with the following addition: Discuss of future meeting dates. Motion approved unanimously.

AGENDA

- III. **Purpose of the Charter Commission** – City Manager Chris Lagerbloom briefly discussed the purpose of the Charter Commission as set forth in the Milton Charter. Brief discussion ensued. No action taken.

IV. Election of Officers

- a. A motion and second were made to appoint Ron Wallace as Chairperson to the Commission. Brief discussion. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. A motion and second were made to appoint George Ragsdale as Vice Chairperson. Brief discussion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. A motion and second were made to appoint City Attorney Ken Jarrard as Secretary. Brief discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

- V. **By Laws:** Ken Jarrard distributed a draft version of the By Laws. Membership of the Commission discussed the by laws, paying special attention to the rules regarding adoption of actual Charter amendment recommendations to the General Assembly. Direction was provided to Mr. Jarrard to modify the by laws such that (1) three members constituted a quorum for most business, subject to special rules, (2) if only three members present, then a unanimous vote necessary for preliminary recommendations regarding Charter amendments to be approved, (3) prior to delivery of final recommendations to the General Assembly, all five members of the Charter Commission must be present and the recommendations must be approved by a 4/5 vote.

- VI. **Other business:** Chris Lagerbloom discussed with the Charter Commission those items of potential Charter amendment that the City Council wanted the Commission to review, with

special emphasis placed on the following: (1) Millage Rate cap, (2) contract execution by the Mayor, (3) power of the City Manager regarding personnel items, and (4) corporate boundaries. Charter Commission will consider these along with many other items.

No action taken.

General discussion occurred regarding (1) public input into the Commission's deliberations, (2) the process for delivering the final recommendations to the General Assembly, and (3) whether those individuals that made appointments to the Commission provided input on issues they wanted addressed.

No action taken.

- VII. **Future meetings:** The Commission scheduled their next two meetings for Friday, January 20, at 5 p.m. and Monday, January 30 at 5 p.m. These meetings were scheduled without exception.
- VIII. A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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