

**Milton Charter Commission**  
**May 2, 2012 agenda summary/minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m., with a quorum recognized. The Following members were present: George Ragsdale, Gordon Hunter, Robert Meyers, and Ron Wallace. Also in attendance were Chris Lagerbloom and Ken Jarrard.

**Approval of the minutes**

April 18, 2012 Minutes – the proposed April 18 minutes were reviewed by the Commission. A motion by George Ragsdale and second by Gordon Hunter was made to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved 4-0, with David Shannon absent.

**Approval of the agenda.**

A motion was made by George Ragsdale and seconded by Gordon Hunter to approve the Agenda. The motion was adopted, 4-0, with David Shannon absent.

Discussion ensued regarding working through the proposed Charter changes with the City Council at a future meeting. It was reported by the City Manager that a working draft would be in the hands of the Council by this Friday, May 4, at the City Council retreat. A proposed meeting with the Council was set for May 18 at 6 p.m. This meeting is fixed, but may not occur if the City Council otherwise has no concerns/questions with the proposed Charter revisions.

**Housekeeping issues**

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed draft letter to the local delegation. Without exception it was directed that changes be made to the letter, to include (1) adding language recommending inclusion of an additional Charter Commission [amend Section 7.18], (2) to call out the specific boundaries of the incorporated islands (listing them as bullet points in the letters) [*the crabapple community center, and North Park and adjacent areas*], and (3) to further reflect that the charter has already been amended to reflect the reduction from 6 to 3 voting districts, and certain miscellaneous non-substantive edits.

**Motion by George Ragsdale and second by Robert Meyer to approve the letter as amended above, 4-0 with David Shannon absent.**

**Recommendations regarding changes to the Charter**

The Commission went through the most current redline version of the Charter, but specifically focused on those tweaks/edits that had been previously discussed but not specifically approved via formal motion and vote. The following items were specifically discussed:

- Page 8, section 1.2(b)(40), changing “election” to “referendum;”
- Page 10, section 2.10(b) deleting “contained in this subsection;”
- Page 11, section 2.10(c)(1), to include “second term” – such that the phrase reads: “of at least one year following the expiration of the **second** term;” and to change 2.10(c)(5)

such that it reads: For the purposes of this section and in computing term limits: (i) a councilmember, **including the mayor**, who resigns or vacates office prior to the expiration of the term for which such person is elected, shall be deemed to have served a full term; (ii) a person elected to fill a vacancy on the council **or as mayor** for an unexpired term....”

- Pages 11 and 12, Section 2.11(b)(c),(d) and (f) – as noted in Charter draft;
- Page 17, Section 3.10(c) – strike “and the executive aide to the mayor;”
- Page 17, Section 3.10(c) – change “ordinance” to “resolution;”
- Pages 17 and 18, Section 3.11(a), add: “The city council shall hold an organizational meeting not later than the first regular meeting in January;”
- Page 21, Section 3.19(b) – remove “made” as noted;
- Page 22, Section 3.20(c) take out “with” as noted;
- Page 24, Section 3.22(b)(1), modify to read: “Preside at all meetings of the city council and participate therein as a voting member, and in the mayor’s absence the mayor pro tem shall preside as set forth in Section 3.30”
- Page 24, Section 3.22(b)(3) – add “and to take” – as noted.
- Page 31, Section 4.12 – change to “7” years;
- Page 35, Section 6.11(b) change “election” to “referendum;”
- Page 39, Section 6.28(a) – delete “3.17”
- Pages 48 – 52, delete Sections 7.13 through 7.16 – as noted due to no relevance.
- Page 53, Section 7.17 – strike as noted due to no relevance.
- Page 53, Section 7.18 – add language such that it reads: “At the first regularly scheduled city council meeting in December, 2011, and every 5 years thereafter, the mayor and city council shall;” and,
- Appendix B, page 62, modify to reflect inclusion of a district boundary map, with final language to be added by the office of legislative council.

Motion by GR seconded by RM to recommend all changes above, passed 4-0, with David Shannon absent.

Motion by GR to adjourn, second by Ron Wallace. Motion passed 4-0, with David Shannon absent.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

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