

MINUTES
CITY OF LIVE OAK
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
WILL BE HELD IN THE LIVE OAK COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8001 SHIN OAK DRIVE, LIVE OAK, TEXAS 78233
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Charter Review Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation and Pledge were completed

3. ROLL CALL

Pat Kautz
Rebecca Kochan
Richard Lamothe, Chairman
Bill Towery
Roy Schaufefe
Jose Perez
Joe Painter (Absent/Excused)

Julie Palmer, Executive Assistant
Mayor Mary M. Dennis
Clarissa Rodriguez, Attorney

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: August 1, 2012

Committee Member Kochan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committee Member Kautz

Vote FOR: Kautz, Kochan, Lamothe, Towery, Schaufefe and Perez – passed 6/0

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chairman's comments on meeting decorum.

1. Meetings will be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Quorum to open meeting requires four (4) Committee Members.
3. All votes taken on proposed Charter amendments will be approved on a majority vote of members present to include the chairman.
4. Each proposed Charter amendment that is approved will be voted on a second time at the following meeting to confirm change approval.

5. Other decorum and meeting procedure issues.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve committee procedures.

Committee Member Towery made a motion to approve committee procedures; seconded by Committee Member Kautz

Vote FOR: Kautz, Kochan, Lamothe, Towery, Schauffele and Perez – passed 6/0

B. Discussion, selection and possible action on a Vice Chairman to conduct the meeting in the absence of Chairman and/or other positions to manage the Committee.

Committee Member Towery made a motion to select Roy Schauffele as Vice Chairman of the Charter Review Committee in the absence of Chairman Lamothe; seconded by Committee Member Kochan

Vote FOR: Kautz, Kochan, Lamothe, Towery, Schauffele (abstained) and Perez – passed 5/0

C. Committee member's comments, discussion and initial suggestions for proposed Charter Review Amendments to consider and addressed in future sessions.

Each Committee Member discussed sections of the charter they would like to see revised. These items will be discussed in future meetings.

D. Committee member comments to be included in the next meeting date-September 12, 2012.

It was determined that Items C and D will be placed on the next Agenda for discussion.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Comments by citizens of issues discussed by the Committee in Items 6A.

Tom Kusek, 7714 Forest Stream came before the committee stating he believed Live Oak had a sound Charter, but agreed that some changes needed to be made regarding term limits, qualifications, eminent domain, the cost of filing fees (should be increased) and more citizen representation from Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Committee Member Schauffele made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Committee Member Towery. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:


Julie Palmer, Executive Assistant

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Richard Lamothe, Chairman