

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:22 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, City Council Chambers, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items

Charter Review Members: Nino Herrera- Chairperson
Daniela Ramirez – Secretary
Reuben Cuellar- Vice Chairperson
Beatriz Gonzalez
Angela Fisher

Present: Sandra Barbree, Councilwoman
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary

Visitors: Melanie Oldham
Eric Hayes
Lila Diehl
Ruth Renobato
Reuben Renobato
Darlene Weir

Call to Order.

Chairman Nino Herrera called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

Consideration of approving the minutes of November 11, 2015.

On a motion by Rueben Cuellar, seconded by Beatriz Gonzalez, with all present voting “Aye”, the minutes of November 11, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Consideration of proposing amendments to the Charter Review Articles 1-11.

Melanie Oldham asked that “valid excuse “have more clarification in Section 3.02 Qualifications.

Reuben Renobato, asked that 5.05 Election by Plurality be reviewed and having runoff elections would better suit the residents.

On a motion by Angela Fisher, seconded by Rueben Cuellar, with all present voting "Aye", Chairman Nino Herrera closed the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Nino Herrea, Chairperson
Charter Review Commission

Daniela Ramirez, Secretary
Charter Review Commission

Section 3.02 Qualification

On a motion by Nino Herrera, seconded by Reuben Cuellar, with all present voting "Aye", Section 3.02 Qualifications be changed to 24 consecutive months instead of 12 consecutive months.

On a motion by Angela Fisher, seconded by Reuben Cuellar, with all present voting "Aye", to change "valid excuse" be exercised by text, emailed, or in writing to be filed with the City Secretary office.

Section 4.08 Fire Department

On a motion by Daniela Ramirez, seconded by Angela Fisher, with all present voting "Aye", to add from the Code of Ordinances Section 92.35 Establishment of Department ; Definitions; A.

(A) For the protection of property and lives within the city, there is hereby established and there shall be maintained by the city a department to be known as the Freeport Fire and E.M.S. Department. ('68 code, 14-39)

Section 9.06 Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

On a motion by Daniel Ramirez, seconded by Angela Fisher, with all present Voting "Aye", to change official newspaper to "general circulation within the city" and be posted in city's website and published in Spanish.

Section 10.07 Consent of Property

On a motion by Daniela Ramirez, seconded by Angela Fisher, with all present voting "Aye", to add "such property shall be restored to its previous condition".

Section 11.011 Selection of Newspapers for Publication

On a motion by Nino Herrera, seconded by Reuben, with all present voting "Aye", Section 11.011 (a) be changed to "general circulation within the city and posted in city's website and in Spanish.

Discuss and schedule next meeting.

Next meeting will be December 2, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. for the approval of proposed amendments.

Adjourn