

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Monday, December 9, 2019, at the Freeport City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Code Department Office, 200 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review Members: Sandra Barbree  
Amy Carrales  
Donna Hayes Absent  
Ana Silbas  
Rita Cundieff Absent  
Brooks Bass

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager  
Betty Wells, City Secretary  
Stephanie Russel-Assistant City Manager  
Chris Duncan, City Attorney

Visitor: Nicole Mireles  
Sam Reyna  
Mario Muraira  
Melanie Oldham  
Ed Garcia

Call to Order.

Sandra Barbree opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Consideration and possible action on the approval of Charter Review meeting minutes from November 21, 2019.

On a motion by Rita Cundieff, seconded by Amy Carrales, with all present voting "Aye", the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the Charter Review Commission meeting minutes from November 21, 2019

Discuss and approve proposed Charter recommendations for change.

Charter Review Commission Members, Sandra Barbree, Ana Silbas, Rita Cundieff, and Amy Carrales along with City Council Liaison, Brooks Bass, City Manager, Tim Kelty and City Attorney, Chris Duncan discussed the recommend and proposed changes of the Charter. These recommendations will be presented to City Council on the December 16, 2019 Council meeting.

**#1 Section 3.01 (b) (d) Number, Selection, and Term:** The recommended change for this section is the Mayor shall be elected from the City of Freeport at large for a three-year term. The election is to be held on the May uniform election date beginning in 2021, unless this date is changed by State Law. For the members of Council, a three-year term for each. Wards A & C general election date in 2020. Wards B & D general election date in 2021, unless this date is changed by State Law.

**Section 5.10: Limitation on Consecutive Terms of Office:** The recommendation for this section is to establish the term of office for Mayor and each council member elected for a term of three years, with a limit of two consecutive terms. With this amendment it will reduce the expense and interruption of having election every year.

**#2 Section 3.01 (f) Number, Selection, and Term:** The recommendation for this section is adding (f) to the Charter. This will amend the Charter to include Election Dates are held same as the General Election dates as per State Law. Adding this will prevent conflict with State Law.

**#3 Section 3.04 Compensation:** The recommendation for this section is to double the compensation of the Mayor and Council. The change would be from \$200.00 monthly to \$400.00 for the Mayor and from \$100.00 monthly to \$200.00 for the Council members. And from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for each Council Meeting they attend in the month.

**#4 Section 3.07 (i)(j) Powers of the City Council:** The recommendation for this section is allowing the City Council to adopt, modify and carry out all plans proposed by the Planning Commission. The current language only allows adoption of Planning Commission recommendations in cases of slum, blight or destruction.

**#5 Section 4.06 City Attorney:** The recommendation on this section is that the Charter be amended to eliminate the requirement that the City Attorney must be a qualified voter in Brazoria County.

**#6 Section 11.01 (a) (b) Selection of Newspaper for Publication:** The recommendation for this section be amended to require that every ordinance or resolution adopted by the City Council, shall be published in accordance with State Law. The charter language now requires publication in excess of the State Law requirement.

**#7 Section 1.02 Boundaries:** The recommendation for this section is the Charter be amended to recognize the city boundaries as they currently are, and as may be amended in the future. The current Charter language could be very problematic. The city's authority to act within its city limits are limited to the boundaries from 1960.

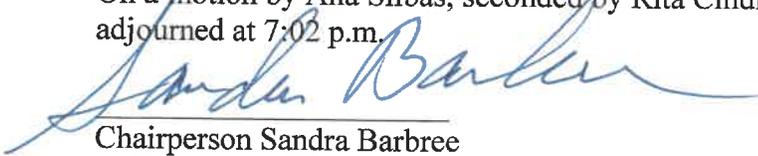
**#8 Section 3.10 Rules of Procedure:** The recommendation for this section is to allow for recording of adopted ordinances and resolutions to be permanently maintained by electronic means. The current Charter language requires all passed ordinances and resolutions to be maintained "in a book."

On a motion by Rita Cundieff, seconded by Amy Carrales, with all present voting "Aye", the

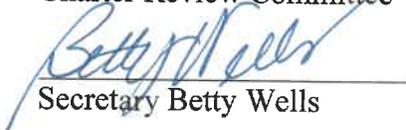
Charter Review Commission Members voted on all eight proposed recommendations to be taken before City Council

Adjourn

On a motion by Ana Silbas, seconded by Rita Cindieff, with all present voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

  
Chairperson Sandra Barbree

Charter Review Committee

  
Secretary Betty Wells

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