

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Freeport City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room, 200 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Freeport, TX for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review Members: Sandra Barbree (Absent)  
Ana Silbas  
Melanie Oldham  
Shonda Marshall  
Sam Reyna

City Council Liaison: Brooks Bass, Mayor  
City Manager: Tim Kelty  
City Attorney: David Olson, Interim  
City Secretary: Betty Wells

Visitors: Jeff Peña, Councilman Ward A  
Ruby Marshall  
Edward Garcia  
Ruben Renobato

Call to Order.

Melanie Oldham opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Consideration and possible action on the approval of Charter Review meeting minutes from September 12, 2022.

On a motion by Sam Reyna, seconded by Ana Silbas, with all present voting “Aye”, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the Charter Review Commission meeting minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Furthermore, there was a verbal correction of this Agenda item to change” meeting minutes from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022” to “meeting minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.”

Discuss and review Charter Articles 4-6.

Charter Review Commission reviewed Articles 4-6 individually to present comments and questions. In Article 4, the administration services of the City of Freeport are laid out. In section 4.02-Department of Police, there were questions and concerns by Charter Review Commissioners and citizens present pertaining to the residential proximity of the Police Chief and whether there should be a requirement for the Police Chief to live within the City of Freeport. Furthermore, with concerns centered around the event of an emergency, there was more discussion about a mile radius range between to 30-50 miles to possibly be a recommendation to send to City Council.

In section 4.06-City Attorney, Vice Chairperson Shonda Marshall asked whether the Interim City Attorney is held to the stipulations within the City Charter and whether there was a time limitation of holding the position of Interim City Attorney and the City of Freeport hiring to fill this position.

In Section 4.07-Department of Health and Sanitation, the Charter Review Commissioners, Interim City Attorney David Olson, City Manager Tim Kelty and Charter Review Liaison Brooks Bass discussed the confusion and redundancy with this section—combination of departments and misleading. The possible action that could be taken is to remove “Sanitation” in the Article title, as the duties of the Health Officer are clearly laid out pertaining to health.

There were not any questions or concerns pertaining to Article 5- Nominations and Elections. Lastly, Article 6 discussion was centered on minor grammatical errors and consequences of the City of Freeport not holding an election in the event of a recall. The next Charter Review Commission meeting is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to review Articles 7-9.

Adjourn

On a motion by Sam Reyna, seconded by Shonda Marshall with all present voting “Aye”, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Chairperson Melanie Oldham  
Charter Review Committee



Secretary Ana Silbas  
Charter Review Committee

