

SUMMARY MINUTES

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION- JULY 9, 2015

Chairperson Cleora Magee called the regular meeting of the Flint charter Review Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Cherry, Cleora Magee, Heidi Phaneuf, Marsha Wesley, Barry Williams

Members arriving late: Brian Larkin, Charles Metcalf, James Richardson

Also in attendance: Deputy

City Attorney David Roth and Thomas Donnellan (1974 – Charter Review Commission Attorney)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

James Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda – no additions

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairperson Cleora Mcgee asked that members that arrived late be added to the members present

Commissioner Marsha Wesley asked there be a correction to the summary minutes to reflect Attorney Thomas Donnellan was the Attorney for the 1974 Charter Review Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mitchell commented on recent news concerning the flag. Chairperson Mcgee stated his comments were unrelated to the business to the business of the Commission.

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: there was no meeting of the finance committee. James Richardson asked if there was a response to the e-mail sent to council. As of this date, July 9, 2015 there was no response.

Rules COMMITTEE - James Richardson stated they had completed the first draft of the rules. He would be e-mailing this to all Commissioners. Please review and send comments or changes to the chair – Victoria McKenzie or James Richardson. There were no questions, report was supported. The motion to accept report passed 7-0 yes by the following:

John Cherry – yes

Charles Metcalf – yes

Marsha Wesley – yes

Barry Williams – yes

James Richardson – yes

Heidi Phaneuf – yes

Cleora Mcgee - yes

Victoria McKenzie – absent

Brian Larkin – absent

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Discussion points:

- Tools
 - o Waiting on the City Clerk's office regarding financial expenditure process for the following:
 - Website and associated services (i.e. domain name, e-mail
 - Facebook page
 - Video recording of Commission meetings
- Advisory committee – roles and responsibilities of the group is still under review
- Clerical Support – Request the Finance committee work on job description and scope of work
- Strategy for public outreach
 - o Meetings with department heads
 - o Meet with members of other charter commissions
 - o Data gathering
 - o Kickoff meetings
 - o Time line calendar
- -Next meeting of the Outreach Committee Scheduled for :
 - o Wednesday July 15th at 5:30pm
 - o Wednesday July 29th at 5:30pm

Motion to accept report and supported vote 8 – 0 as followed

John Cherry - yes

Brian Larkin- yes

Charles Metcalf- yes

Heidi Phaneuf - yes

James Richardson- yes

Marsha Wesley- yes

Barry Williams- yes

Cleora McGee – yes

OLD BUSINESS

Potential presentations to the commission

- Mayor of Pontiac- Contact was not made, error in phone number. However the Mayor did talk to secretary stated late July or August was preferable
- MML - John Cherry stated the MML believed the presentation would require more than a half day session based on the information we have requested. Would send e-mail for commissioners availability.
- Review of Charter Commission Handbook – no questions
- Professor from MSU recommended as a possible presenter. He has been working with the City of Flint during the recent year. Heidi to provide more information

CRC BUDGET

We are working with the present budget of \$48,800. Finance Committee is waiting for a response from council regarding additional funding requests. Finance Committee should seek other funding.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

John Cherry - speaking in reference to the rules of the commission John Cherry stated there needed to be an explanation of how the rules were developed at the next CRC meeting.

Brian Larkin – Brian Larkin stated we all commissioners needed to get a thorough understanding of the rules and how they were developed because it will affect how we proceed to do our work as the commission goes forward.

NEW BUSINESS;

Next CRC meeting – July 23, 2015 6:30pm

Next Finance Committee Meeting – July 13, 2015 @ 5:30 pm

Next Rules Committee Meeting – July 16, 2015 @ 5:00pm

Next Outreach Committee Meeting – July 15, 2015 @ 5:30pm and July 29, 2015 @ 5:30pm

Adjourned at 7:30pm