



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final City Council

Thursday, February 17, 2011

7:00 PM

Pflugerville Justice Center,
1611 E. Pfennig Lane,
Pflugerville, TX

Quorum Minutes

A quorum of the City Council was in attendance and participated in discussions at the following meeting:

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
PFLUGERVILLE JUSTICE CENTER, 1611 E. PFENNIG LANE,
PFLUGERVILLE, TX
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order. Charter Review Commission Chairman Charles Colley called the Charter Review Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Charter Review Commission members in attendance: Charles Colley (Chair), Marie Hornberger (Vice Chair), Elaine Boozer, Jerry Scott, Shannon Coleman, Gina Whittington, Hilan Priddy, Mike Dossing, Cindy Engelhardt. Leilani Smith entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Darlene Cross entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Charter Review Commission members absent: Michael Marler and Melvin White. Mayor Jeff Coleman called a quorum of the Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Wayne Cooper, Mike Marsh, Starlet Sattler and Victor Gonzales were in attendance. Councilmember Darelle White was absent. City employees attending: Brandon Wade, City Manager; Karen Thompson, City Secretary.

4. Discuss and consider action regarding recommendations for possible amendment of the City Charter, Article III, The City Council. Mayor Coleman asked that the Charter Review Commission address item 4 first so that he could provide comment. Mayor Coleman spoke in favor of the mayor having a vote, stating that he believes the positives outweigh the negatives. On the question of adding an additional councilmember, he explained that a seventh person could allow the outside committee work to be shared. He spoke to the time commitment required of the mayor and the councilmembers. Mayor Coleman exited the meeting. The time was 7:16 p.m.

The Charter Review Commission resumed at the beginning of their agenda.

2. Public Comment regarding possible amendment to the City Charter. There were no requests to speak under the Public Comment item.

3. Approval of the minutes of January 27, 2011. The Charter Review Commission approved their minutes of January 27, 2011.

4. Discuss and consider action regarding recommendations for possible amendment of the City Charter, Article III, The City Council. Discussion resumed under item 4. Ron Sandford, Chair of the last Charter Review Commission, spoke against the mayor having a vote and adding a councilmember. He explained that providing that the mayor has to vote on one side or the other can be divisive. He stated that it works fine as it is. He explained that they would not be able to go back to the way it is now once it is changed, and encouraged the Charter Review Commission to not recommend that change at this time. He also encouraged them not to recommend compensation at this time.

Mr. Colley asked regarding Section 3.15 and that the majority vote of the quorum present could be two councilmembers. Discussion took place on the question later in the meeting.

Mr. Cooper stated to agree with Mr. Sandford in not providing the mayor with a vote or adding a councilmember. He stated to also agree with not paying councilmembers. He spoke regarding the time commitment.

Mr. Gonzales stated that he has been a proactive councilmember and attends many meetings. He explained that the time commitments outside of the council meetings are not mandatory but rather a personal commitment.

Ms. Sattler indicated that she spent 56 hours last month in her councilmember duties, which does not include the hours that she spent volunteering for Deutschen Pfest. She explained that she does this out of a desire and love for the City. She stated to agree with Mr. Sandford in that the mayor should not have a vote, and that without the vote, it allows the mayor to be the mediator.

Mr. Marsh stated that he is also in agreement with the mayor not voting. He explained that the mayor is the official representative of the city and has influence in how and when items are presented to council through preparing the agenda and controlling the discussion at council meetings. He stated that he believes the Charter is working very well. He noted that there would also be a cost involved in adding a seventh councilmember, in packets and staff time, etc. He stated that a seventh councilmember is not necessary for the work load and councilmembers have discretion in

servicing on committees outside council meetings. He summarized that the mayor does not need a vote, a seventh councilmember is not needed, and the council does not need compensation.

Mr. Scott brought up the issue of the quorum of three providing that two councilmembers can approve resolutions and ordinances. He asked if they were to raise it to a minimum of three affirmative votes if that would have any negative impact. Discussion followed regarding the issue. Ms. Whittington stated that it does not seem that it has been an issue and therefore does not appear to need to be changed.

Ms. Cross spoke regarding the mayor not having a vote and serving as a mediator, the council not receiving compensation and not adding an additional member. She stated that she likes it the way it is.

Ms. Whittington stated that she believes that Article III could stay the same with the exception of the website clause for ordinances.

The Council announced they were leaving the meeting. Mr. Marsh made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The City Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The Council exited the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Thompson
City Secretary

Approved as _____ on March 8, 2011.