

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 6/7

Committee Members Present:

Attorney Robert Rice
Attorney Jennifer Pelavin
Alan Agnelli
Neil Janssens

Absent:

Tina Griffin

Also Present:

Colin Smith

Robert Rice called the meeting to order at 11:00am. He asked the members of the committee if there were any motions to accept or amend the minutes of previous committee meetings.

Alan Agnelli stated the minutes of the February 16th meeting were too much like a transcript and lacked proper punctuation. He also stated that, regarding the February 23rd minutes, he was not sure what was meant by “Mayor Nicholson advocated for changes to Section 30 which would allow the Mayor to propose amendments to material before the Council.”

Attorney Rice advocated for considering the minutes in order, and asked if there was a motion to accept the February 16th minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Neil Janssens and seconded by Alan Agnelli.

Neil Janssens and Robert Rice voted to accept the February 16th minutes as presented. Alan Agnelli voted no. Jennifer Pelavin abstained.

Robert Rice asked if there were any amendments proposed to the February 23rd minutes.

Alan Agnelli reiterated that regarding the Mayor’s comments about changes to Section 30 of the Charter in that meeting, he wasn’t sure what “propose amendments to material before the Council” meant.

Robert Rice explained his recollection of the proposed change.

The Committee voted unanimously to substitute the word “matters” for “material” in the February 23rd minutes.

The Committee debated a grammatical point regarding the phrase “state set the threshold at ten thousand dollars”.

Robert Rice inquired whether there were any other proposed changes to the February 23rd minutes.

The Committee voted unanimously to accept the February 23rd minutes with the approved amendment.

Robert Rice inquired whether there were any proposed amendments to the May 11th minutes.

Alan Agnelli stated that it should say “Assistant” in front of “City Solicitor” in Robert Rice’s comments on the bottom of page one. A motion was made to this effect by Mr. Agnelli and seconded by Neil Janssens. It was voted unanimously to make this amendment.

Alan Agnelli stated that on page two, in the discussion regarding Section 6 of the Charter, that “motion” should be changed to “move to”. A motion was made to this effect by Mr. Agnelli and seconded by Neil Janssens. It was voted unanimously to make this amendment.

Alan Agnelli stated that on page 3, in the second line of the May 11th minutes, his comments regarding Zoom should be changed to “Is a Zoom swearing in possible?”. A motion was made to this effect by Mr. Agnelli and seconded by Jennifer Pelavin. It was voted unanimously to make this amendment.

Alan Agnelli stated that on page 3, in the discussion regarding Section 29 of the Charter, the word “in” should replace the word “Aksi”. A motion was made to this effect by Mr. Janssens and seconded by Jennifer Pelavin. It was voted unanimously to make this amendment.

Alan Agnelli stated that in the first line of the last page, the words appoint and elect should be reversed. A motion was made to this effect by Mr. Agnelli and seconded by Jennifer Pelavin. It was voted unanimously to make this amendment.

Jennifer Pelavin stated that, on page 3, in her comments regarding more elections, the word “undesirable” should be changed to “cumbersome”. A motion to this effect was made by Jennifer Pelavin and seconded by Alan Agnelli. It was voted unanimously to make this amendment.

A motion was made by Alan Agnelli and seconded by Jennifer Pelavin to accept the minutes as amended. The committee voted yes unanimously.

Robert Rice inquired if there was a motion to accept the May 22nd minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Neil Janssens and seconded by Jennifer Pelavin. The committee voted unanimously in favor.

Robert Rice stated there was one more matter before committee, which was to review and accept the letter to the Mayor and City Council containing their recommendations regarding the changes to the City Charter. He inquired whether there were any comments.

Jennifer Pelavin stated that in Section 29, “line two” should be moved in front of “in full”,

Robert Rice stated that in Section 38, “in line one” should be added.

Robert Rice stated that in paragraph two, “receive” should be replaced with “review”.

After general discussion, it was decided that there should be a colon at the end of the third paragraph.

Robert Rice inquired whether there was a motion to accept the final report as amended.

There was a motion by Jennifer Pelavin, seconded by Alan Agnelli, and voted unanimously by the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.