



Charter Review Committee Minutes

December 3, 2025

Chair Dave Drotzmann called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Committee members in attendance included: Val Hoxie, Rod Hardin, Kyndra Stone, Paul Wolverton, Karyn Jones, and Monique Brandley. Also present was Mayor Doug Primmer as Council representative, and staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Rich Tovey, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

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Dave stated the 2027 Proposed Charter Amendments redline would be presented to the Committee all at once when the Committee has finalized its review of the complete Charter.

Paul moved and Val seconded to approve the November 12th meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Members Dave, Val, Rod, Kyndra, Paul, Karyn, and Monique in favor.

Review Charter Chapters 4-7

Byron presented and reviewed Chapters 4-7 of the 2015 Adopted City Charter with the Committee. The Committee agreed that the following should be included in recommended changes to the Council- new language will be identified in red and underlined - language removed will be in ~~red and crossed out~~ in the 2027 Proposed Charter Amendments:

- Chapter IV, LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
 - No changes recommended
- Chapter V, ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY
 - No changes recommended
- Chapter VI, QUASI-JUDICIAL AUTHORITY
 - No changes recommended
- Chapter VII, ELECTIONS
 - Section 25. Councilors
 - (c) Update- removing 2016 language.
 - (d) Update- removing 2018 language.
 - (e) Remove existing language and add language specifying Ward Candidates may only be elected by electors in their ward, and the city at-large may elect the At-Large Councilors.
 - Section 26. Mayor and Municipal Court Judge
 - Byron spoke regarding differences between elected vs appointed Municipal Court Judges. The Committee unanimously agreed they would prefer the Municipal Court Judge be appointed by Council or Staff and not elected, asked that this language be updates to reflect this, and that the Municipal Court Judge Cameron Bendixsen attend the January Meeting.
 - Remove “Municipal Court Judge” from the Title
 - (b) Update- removing 2016 language
 - (c) Remove section- as it relates to the Municipal Court Judge
 - (d) Remove section- as it relates to the Municipal Court Judge

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- Section 27. Run-Off Elections for Mayor, Municipal Court Judge, and Ward Specific Councilors.
 - Remove “Municipal Court Judge” from the title and throughout this section.
- Section 29. Qualifications.
 - Remove “Municipal Court Judge” throughout this section.
- Section 30. Nominations
 - Remove “Municipal Court Judge” in this section.
- Section 32. Oath
 - Remove “Municipal Court Judge” in this section.
 - Add language to follow the City Charter.
- Section 33. Vacancies
 - Remove “Municipal Court Judge” in this section.
 - The Committee unanimously agreed to direct staff to look into language to remove the Mayor or Council member(s) from their elected term for incompetence or unruly behavior and ask Patty at LOC for information about this, as well leaving the language as-is as there is a recall process.
- Section 34. Filling Vacancies
 - (c) Remove section- as it relates to the Municipal Court Judge
 - (d) Add and remove language related to the Mayor and Council members.
 - Asked that Patty from LOC review this section for additional comments or suggestions.

Next Committee Meeting

The Committee discussed and agreed to meet as arranged on Thursday, January 8th at 5:30pm at City Hall and schedule the next meeting on this day.

Public Comment

None given.

Adjournment

There was no other business and Chair Drotzmann adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.