

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 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: Sam Reyna  
Shonda Marshall  
Lila Diehl  
Theodore Baker  
Donna Hayes- Not Present

City Council Liaison: Brooks Bass, Mayor  
Interim City Manager: Lance Petty  
City Attorney: David Olson, Interim – via phone  
Interim City Secretary: Clarisa Molina

Call to Order.

Board Member Sam Reyna opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Consideration and possible action on the approval of Charter Review meeting minutes from October 11, 2023.

There was discussion on minutes to remove first adjournment section of the meeting minutes.

On a motion to approve minutes with discussed changes made by Theodore Baker, seconded by Lila Diehl, with all present voting “Aye” 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the October 11, 2023 minutes.

Consideration and possible to approve the recommendation of Charter changes to present to Council: Number, Selection, and Term; Article 3, Section 3.01 (b) and (d).

**Section 3.01 (b) and (d)**- The recommended change for this section is to have the Council and Mayor elected for three (2) year terms instead of two (3) year terms.

A motion was made by Lila Diehl, seconded by Sam Reyna with 2 “Ayes” and 2 “Nays”, the motion failed.

Discussion and review Charter Articles 10-11.

No recommendations for changes on Charter Articles 10.

**Article 11.02 Personal Interest-** The recommended change for this section is for the Charter to be consistent with the conflicts of interest provisions of Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code.

A motion was made by Theodore Baker to approve this proposed change, seconded by Lila Diehl with all present voting “Aye” 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the motion.

**Article 11.07 Special Provisions Covering Damage Suits-** The recommended change for this section is to bring it into compliance with Texas Torts Claim Act.

A motion was made by Theodore Baker to approve this proposed change, seconded by Lila Diehl with all present voting “Aye” 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the motion.

**Article 11.10 Interim Municipal Government-** The recommended change for this section is to delete this section in its entirety. This section is obsolete and no longer needed.

A motion was made by Theodore Baker to approve this proposed change, seconded by Lila Diehl with all present voting “Aye” 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the motion.

**Article 11.12 Amending the Charter-** The recommended change for this section is to update this section to reflect current State and Federal Law. The City no longer required to receive preclearance from the United State Department of Justice for proposed amendments to the Charter.

A motion was made by Theodore Baker to approve this proposed change, seconded by Lila Diehl with all present voting “Aye” 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the motion.

**Article 11.14 Submission of Charter to Voters-** The recommended change for this section is to delete this section in its entirety. This section is obsolete and no longer needed.

A motion was made by Theodore Baker to approve this proposed change, seconded by Lila Diehl with all present voting "Aye" 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Consideration and possible action for an additional Charter Review Meeting, to make recommendations of Charter changes to present to Council.

Next Charter meeting date will be on December 20, 2023 at 5:30P.M.

A motion was made by Lila Diehl for the next Charter meeting to be on December 20, 2023 at 5:30P.M., seconded by Theodore Baker with all present voting "Aye" 4-0, the Charter Review Commission unanimously approved this motion.

Adjourn

On a motion by Theodore Baker, seconded by Lila Diehl, with all present voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 6:10P.M.



Chairperson Sam Reyna  
Charter Review Committee



~~Secretary Donna Hayes~~ THEODORE BAKER  
Charter Review Committee