City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Charter Review

200 S. Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Sheila P. Vitale- Chair
Ellen T. Zehner- Vice Chair
Ross Beckmann
Bill Dutton
Shane W. Ewald
Alvin J. McKenna
Isobel L. Sherwood

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 | **6:00 PM** | **VIRTUAL MEETING**

Meeting Call-in Details:
Tel- 513-306-4583
Conf. ID- 829 690 334#

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheila Vitale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present 6 - Alvin J. McKenna, Sheila P. Vitale, Ross Beckmann, Shane W. Ewald, Ellen T. Zehner, and Isobel Sherwood

Absent 1 - Bill Dutton

B. ITEM FOR APPROVAL:

2021-0087 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

A motion was made by McKenna, seconded by Sherwood, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - McKenna, Vitale, Beckmann, Ewald, Zehner and Sherwood

Absent: 1 - Dutton

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

The commission reviewed each proposed section, see attached file "2021 Proposed Charter Changes- Working Draft." The final edits for the evening are included, see attached file "5.11.21 Redline." It was determined that for section 3.01, adding the redlined statement would make it clear that all mayoral candidates must have run in the primary. For section 3.03, they would review the language further and revisit the section later. For section 4.03, they would mirror the language from 3.03, but remove "primary" because there is no primary election for Council candidates. Section 4.13 and 11.05 were discussed as one; there was back and forth about the need to add additional language for process, or

to leave it as is and as a policy, just go above and beyond the minimum requirements of Charter and post elsewhere; these sections will be revisited later. For section 4.18, it was discussed to remove "departments" from the section, since the Mayor oversees departments, and just leave in council's ability to create/abolish boards and commissions; will request additional feedback for that section. As for section 5.13, it was discussed at the previous meeting, that the redline language submitted was fine as is. For 5.14 and 5.15, they would wait for public comment to see if the fire departments had any issues. For section 11.03, the commission wanted to wait to see if Planning Commission members had comments; Clerk stated that they meet tomorrow evening, would inform them of the public input night next week. For section 11.06, Clerk stated that her office was doing research to see what the timeline looked like for neighboring communities, and they expected to have those findings back by next week. It was determined to set aside sections 18.01, 21.01, and 22.01 for now; the idea was that there was nothing that seemed to be urgently needed for those sections.

Commission members determined that the following sections should be sent back to the Mayor by the City Attorney for suggested language: 4.18, 5.01.

2021-0042 Charter, City of Gahanna & Other Communities

2021-0043 Proposed Charter Amendments

D. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.