

Whitehall Charter Review Commission Meeting

March 12, 2018

6:30pm Whitehall City Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:32

Chairman Jack Soma called the roll. All members were present.

- Kim Bentley
- Kevin Skinner
- Jack Soma
- Paul Werther
- Allyson Sharp

Others Present:

- Mary Freimark-Clerk of Courts
- Mayor Kim Maggard
- Councilman Jim Graham
- Councilwoman Joanna Heck
- Councilman Larry Morrison
- Resident Gerald Dixon

Mayor Kim Maggard shared a document regarding her position regarding some of the sections of the charter.

Jack read the email that City Attorney Bivins provided to the Charter Review Commission

Section 22: Discussion of whether other administrative officers be spelled out? City Attorney will need to comment.

Section 23: Discussed eliminating the term limits all together or moving it to three terms. From the ongoing discussion, this section will be revisited and tabled to the next meeting whether we should move the Mayors eligibility to longer terms, three terms or unlimited terms. Members were asked to do homework regarding the pros and cons of term limits.

Discussed gender specific language rather than he throughout out the charter. Could it be changed across the charter?

A discussion of clearer and precise terms for the term limits if brought to the ballot so it's clear.

Section 24: a) Does temporarily absence needs to be defined?

Section 24: c). Discussed Director of Public Service to responsibility of City Council shall appoint a member of City council if the President of Council declines

Section 25: k) Discussed a timeframe for a position to be filled be written in as 90 days; tabled to have a better understanding of

Section 26: b) 2 to 3-year recommendation discussion

Section 27: No change

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Section 30: No Change

Section 31: -No Change

Section 32: No change

Section 33: No Change

Section 34: No Change

Section 35: No change

Section 36: No change

Section 37: No change

Section 38: Discussion about the succession of a city attorney; what if no one runs? Guidance needed for city attorney.

Section 39: No change

Section 40- No changes

Section 41- Discussion of terms limits from 2 terms to 3 terms; table for future discussions

Section 42-No changes

Section 43- No changes

Section 44: Discussion if the Auditor leaves, needs clarifications. Table it until we receive clarification from the city attorney.

Gerald Dixon share a document with the Commission regarding term limits and requesting he has 6 minutes to speak. He explained his position in 2 minutes. The Commission voted to keep the talking points to 2 minutes when not part of the Commission.

Chairman Jack Soma proposed we adjourn the meeting: Paul Werther make the first motion; Kevin Skinner make the second motion.

Adjourned at 7:47pm