

**City of Whitehall  
Charter Commission Meeting  
360 S. Yearling Rd.  
Whitehall, Ohio 43213  
Monday, April 23, 2018**

Chairman Jack Soma called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

**Roll Call**

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

Chairman Jack Soma read Commission Review Member Kim Bentley's note that she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Chairman Jack Soma read the term limit letters from the constituents' and mentioned phone calls from people that Jack Soma knew as well as citizen's Gerald Dixon's content that he shared in prior meetings.

Written recommendations by Kim Bentley, Allyson Sharp, Jack Soma, and Paul Werther will be provided to City Council to assist them in determining the final decisions regarding these Sections:

Chairman Jack Soma sought a motion to approval the April 9, 2017 Minutes

- First Motion to Approve- Kevin Skinner
- Second Motion to Approve- Paul Werther
- All Approved the Minutes from the April 9, 2017 Meeting

**Section 1-86: Gender-Neutral Language**

- Gender- Neutral Language will be recommended to City Council to Review
- There is recommended language in Allyson Sharp's recommendations.

**Sections 3(e), 23(b),26(b),41(b) and 45(b): Elections and Qualifications-Term Limits**

- Move from two to three term limits for all elected positions
- Do away with term limits all together
  
- Kim Bentley had a thorough discussion about these sections moving from 2-3 terms.
- Paul Werther had recommendations for removing term limits all together.
- Regardless of what City Council decides to do, the language needs to be written clearly on the ballot since there was ample discussion how confusing the language was written on the ballot.

**Section 24 (a): Mayor's Absence**

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- Consider Paul Werther's recommendation for Council.
- Maximum of 30 days or a range of days should be considered by the Council to clearly define the word "absence".
- Consider using language like unable to communicate and/or unable to perform duties in the recommendation.

**Section 24(c): Mayor's Residence**

- Consider Paul Werther's recommendation for Council.
- The Mayor should always be a member of Whitehall.

**Section 50 (b): Non-Residents Board or Commission Representation**

- Consider Allyson Sharp's recommendation and language for Council.
- Board and Commission members should reside in Whitehall.

**Section 86: Ward Representation**

- There should be representation from each Ward in Whitehall for future Commissions
- Consider Allyson Sharp's recommendation and language for Council.
- There was discussion on whether City Council Members must supply a certain number of names from the Wards they represent.

The Whitehall Review Commission has shared these recommendations with Council in a timely manner with Whitehall City Council who will make the final decisions. As the Chairperson, this has been an honor to serve. The rest of the Commission concurred.

Chairman Jack Soma moved to conclude the meeting.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Adjourn- Paul Werther
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to Adjourn- Kevin Skinner

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm