

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The Charter Review Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in on December 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Michael Scherer called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

C. Michael Scherer – Chairman	Wayne Wright – Co-Chairman
Kathy Graeber-Kubelka	Bobby Greenwood
Bobby L. Reyes	Tom Crayton
Karen Bleil	Robert Hodge – Absent
Josh Lockhart - Absent	John Bunk
Carole Edwards	Alice Bijara - Absent
Rita Cobbin	Jim Klentzman
Verge Greenwood	

Alternates:	Robert Dawson	Ronnie Landry
	Frank Pena – Absent	

Attorney: Betsy Johnson

Chairman Scherer declared the meeting open.

Agenda item A2 to review, discuss and possible action regarding any amendments to the Richmond City Charter

- Section 6.05 of the Charter regarding the number of signatures needed for a petition was discussed. Section 6.11 Power of Recall falls under this discussion as well. Several options were presented as well as numerous cities with similar populations and their Charter language. Following a question and answer period, Tom Crayton made a motion to change the language that reflects the greater of the number equal to 30% of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City or 150. The language would raise the 150 signatures needed to 300 but keep the 30% of the

number of votes cast and would be the greater of the two. Karen Bleil seconded the motion. There were 9 "aye" votes, therefore the motion passed. Karen Bleil had requested additional information regarding the number of votes cast in the last general election for the cities presented, Bleil removed the request following the vote.

- Section 3.01 regarding term limits was discussed. The Commission was going to suggest removing the "Transitional Period" from this section but it was decided it is a moot point at this time and would only clutter the ballot. Karen Bleil made the motion to remove, Carol Edwards seconded the motion but the motion was denied. Bobby Greenwood asked that the same cities be polled for additional information not limited too but to include the number of commissioners, whether they are at large or single districts and the terms.


Chairman Scherer stated the next meeting will be on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, Tom Crayton motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. John Bunk seconded the motion and the Commission adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:


C. Michael Scherer, Chairman

Attest:


Terri Vela, City Manager