

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The Charter Review Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in on January 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Michael Scherer called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 - Absent	Robert Hodge
Josh Lockhart - Absent	John Bunk
Carole Edwards - Absent	Alice Bijara
Rita Cobbin	Jim Klentzman
Verge Greenwood - Absent	

Alternates:	Robert Dawson	Ronnie Landry
	Frank Pena – Absent	

Attorney: Frank Garza
City Manager: Terri Vela
City Secretary: Laura Scarlato

Chairman Scherer declared the meeting open.

Agenda item A2 to review, discuss and possible action on, December 10th and December 17th, 2015 minutes. The minutes for each meeting were discussed and voted on individually.

Minutes 12.10.15: Chairman Scherer reviewed the highlights of the meeting and what was discussed. There was no further discussion regarding these minutes. Kathy Graeber-Kubelka made the motion to approve the December 10, 2015 minutes and Dr. John Bunk seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Minutes 12.17.15: Chairman Scherer reviewed the highlights of the meeting and what was discussed. Attorney Frank Garza confirmed that the petition that has been certified by the City Secretary and will be placed on the May, 2016 ballot will be listed as two separate items. Tom Crayton stated he felt it was much better to have the items on the ballot as two separate items. Chairman Scherer said there would be a much better chance of them passing as two separate items.

Bobby Reyes made the motion to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2015 meeting with Bobby Greenwood seconding the motion. The vote was taken and it was approved unanimously.

At this time Chairman Scherer welcomed Gary Smith, the new City Attorney. He also welcomed Mr. Frank Garza, Attorney.

Agenda item A3, to review, discuss and the possible action regarding any amendments to the Richmond City Charter. Scherer stated the three recommendations that have previously been addressed;

Section 3.01 – Increasing the number of commissioners from 2 to 4 with all members being elected to single member districts. (Addressed by Petition)

Section 3.01 – Term limits- Impose Three, Three year terms on elected officials.

Section 6.05 – Increase the number of signatures needed for a petition to be the greater of 300 or thirty percent (30%) of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City.

Section 6.11 - Increase the number of signatures needed for a recall to be the greater of 300 or thirty percent (30%) of the number of votes cast at the last general election of the City.

Attorney Frank Garza indicated that he has drafted the language for the proposed sections and he feels it would be better to have a Section 3.01A and 3.01B.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Public Hearing and the remaining Commission meetings. It was proposed that there not be a meeting on January 14, 2016. A Public Hearing would be scheduled for January 21, 2016 to receive

comments from the public. Then a wrap-up meeting would take place on January 28, 2016 with the final recommendations to the City Commission.

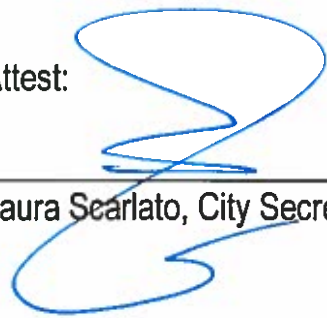
It was noted that Board Members Robert Hodge and Bobby Greenwood were members of the original Home Rule Charter committee.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, Tom Crayton motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Wayne Wright seconded the motion and the Commission adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


C. Michael Scherer, Chairman

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary