

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The Charter Review Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met on January 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Michael Scherer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

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

Alternates: Robert Dawson - Absent Ronnie Landry - Absent
Frank Pena – Absent

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

Chairman Scherer declared the meeting open.

Agenda item A2 to review, discuss and possible action on January 7, 2016 minutes.

Minutes 01.07.16: Chairman Scherer reviewed the highlights of the meeting and what was discussed. There was no further discussion regarding these minutes. Dr. John Bunk made the motion to approve the January 7, 2016 minutes and Mr. Bobby Greenwood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A3, Public Hearing to receive input for the proposed amendments to the Richmond Home Rule Charter. Attorney Frank Garza addressed the audience and provided the procedures and the amendments on the table to be presented to the Commission. There were 11 speakers signed up to address the commission.

- Clayton Bland – 912 Victoria Drive, Richmond
- Larry Clark – 921 Victoria Drive, Richmond
- Bonnie Colzani – 920 Victoria Drive, Richmond
- Bob Dawson – 908 Victoria Drive, Richmond
- Carlos Garcia – 2003 Briar Lane, Richmond
- Robert Gilmore – 4707 Pin Oak Park Drive #1012, Houston, TX 77081
- Barbara Johnson – 704 Country Club Drive, Richmond
- Jesse Matta – 1315 Dudley, Richmond
- Casey Sensat – 920 Victoria Drive, Richmond
- Dave Scott – 703 Hillcrest Drive, Richmond
- Lawson Wooten – 905 Victoria Drive, Richmond

All ten speakers with the exception of Carlos Garcia were against term limits. It was stated the ballot box is the term limit. They feel it is difficult to find good qualified individuals that are willing to serve, it takes a special dedication. Term limits would be taking away from the power of the voters. One stated if you have principled people in office and the voters are pleased with the job they are doing, they should be allowed to keep them in office. The one opposition to term limits stated in order to change you need to bring in new ideas. Mr. Garcia also wanted to state for the record that he is not the circulator of the petition to recall the mayor. He is opposed to raising the number of signatures needed for a petition because of the amount of work that is involved.

Agenda item A4 to review and discuss the public input and any other possible amendments to the Richmond Home Rule Charter. There was no discussion. Chairman Michael Scherer stated that growth and change are coming to Richmond. The next meeting will be January 28, 2016. Chairman Scherer thanked everyone for their attendance and comments.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, Carole Edwards motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Karen Bleil seconded the motion and the Commission adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


C. Michael Scherer, Chairman

Attest:


Laura Scarlato, City Secretary