

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



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

Terri Vela called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

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| C. Michael Scherer – Chairman | Wayne Wright – Co-Chairman |
| Kathy Graeber-Kubelka | Bobby Greenwood |
| Mary Greenwood Miller | Bobby L. Reyes |
| Karen Bleil | Robert Hodge – Absent |
| Josh Lockhart - Absent | John Bunk |
| Carole Edwards | Charles Yates |
| Tres Davis –Late | Susan Bankston |
| Sam Hopkins | Tom Crayton –Alternate |
| Jim Klentzman – Alternate | |

Chairman Scherer declared the meeting open.

Agenda item A2, Discussion regarding the status of the Petition filed to amend the City Charter. City Attorney Frank Garza discussed the status of the petition which is to amend the City Charter section 3.01 to change to one Mayor at Large and four City Commissioners from single member districts. Sam Hopkins asked a question regarding the Open Meetings Act violation. City Attorney Garza discussed the violation and rules of the Open Meetings Act and also the process of the District Attorney and the Attorney General taking the complaints both criminally and civil. The Charter Review Commission followed up with questions. A series of emails were the subject for this discussion of the Open Meetings Act, please see the following:

Tres Davis – email to the Charter Review Commission Board, all members included. City Manager Vela not included on the email. The email claimed ownership of the petition and clarified the number of signatures needed for the petition to pass.

Frank Garza, City Attorney – emailed Tres Davis only explaining the Open Meetings Act and the potential violation.

Wayne Wright – “replied to all” to the Tres Davis email. Wright stated his personal opinion regarding the petition and its ill timing.

Susan Bankston – emailed and stated “*stop replying to all*”

Josh Lockhart – emailed and reiterated Bankston email to “*stop replying to all*”

Susan Bankston noted the Charter Section 3.16 Investigations by the City Commission which states “*The City Commission shall have the power to inquire into the official conduct of any appointed official appointed by the City Commission.*”

At this time, Sam Hopkins stated he “*resigned*”. Charles Yates (have since received a letter) stated “*I’m joining my friend*” and Susan Bankston also stated, “*I will join my friend as well*”. They all three then proceeded to leave the room.

City Manager Terri Vela stated that board member Mary Miller is ineligible to serve on the board having not residing in the city limits of Richmond, Texas. Miller at that time left the room.

Michael Scherer, Chairman asked the remaining board if there were any other members that would like to resign at this time. The members all replied no. Wayne Wright, Co-Chairman made the statement “*would it make you all feel better if I resigned?*” No one replied and Wright did not take action to do so and continued to serve as the Co-Chairman.

The alternates were then asked if they would be willing to serve on the board in a full capacity and not as an alternate. Both members replied they would be willing to serve.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, A member motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Another member seconded the motion and the Commission adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

After the meeting was over, Board Member Tres Davis walked back in the room and stated “*I resign too*”. City Manager Vela then ask Davis “so you are resigning” and Davis stated “yes”.

APPROVED:



C. Michael Scherer, Chairman

Attest:



Terri Vela, City Manager