

CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

April 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Post at 7:31 pm

ROLL CALL Kathi Procop, David Post, Dan Sypen, Dean Martin, Susan Johnson, James Shafer, Dwayne Smith, Adam Gockowski, Brian Davis

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Scaffide, David Maistros

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Post read the proposed changes that Mr. Maistros prepared based on the recommendations of the commission at the last meeting. He asked the members if they had any questions on proposed changes.

Discuss took place regarding a council person running for mayor. The recommendation was that any council members with two or more years left on their term would have to resign from current seat in order to run for mayor or a different council seat. If this happened then the charter language regarding vacancies would kick in. Discussion took place about different scenarios and the commission would like to consider presenting this option to council.

The next item discussed was the means of communicating a special meeting of council. Currently the charter reads to serve an agenda at each council members home. It is being proposed that electronic communication be sent instead. All agreed this was a good option.

Mr. Maistros went over the change Section 3.10 that he would like to propose changing the word 'involving' as stated in the second paragraph, first sentence to 'or specifically authorizing'. The reason for this is you can make an argument that apply for a grant involves money but shouldn't necessarily need to be read on three separate occasions.

NEW BUSINESS

The commission started new business by looking at Section 4 regarding the mayor by reading this section out loud.

Section 4.04 regarding Vacancy of the Office of Mayor the recommendations were made to state that it shall be filled at the next primary or general elections and that the mayor shall be entitled to be compensated in the same capacity as if duly elected. It was further discussed that the councilmember who would fill the mayor position would likely have to give up their full-time job to temporarily be mayor. It was talked about a sequence of some combination of president, vice president, full-time, part-time. Compensation of such scenarios was discussed. Changes were summarized as if vacancy occurs it will start with council president, full or part-time, election held at either the primary or general election, whichever comes first and accordingly compensated for position based on current codified ordinances.

The commission read Section 4.05. Clarification was asked to be given on the word 'reduce' as it pertains to mayor's power regarding staff. It was discussed that it could mean a couple things and that it is best to leave it vague as to allow for all possible situations.

The status of the mayor was discussed as it pertains to full time and benefits received. The way the charter currently reads is that the mayor shall dedicate fulltime and attention to the office of mayor. That has been interpreted as full time but the mayor has not always received the same benefits as a fulltime employee. It was asked that the commission define it a little clearer.

The mayor's compensation was also discussed on whether or not the position should be the highest paid person in the city. There have been times when there are a few department heads had made more than the mayor. It was suggested that it read up to 5% more than the highest department head or at least what all other non-bargaining unit employees receive during the review of the salary ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:31 PM

Approved as written:

David Post, Chairperson

Shannon Collins, Secretary