

CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

May 11, 2023

Mr. Castillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Shaun Castillo, Angelo Carcioppolo, Christopher Feldman, Mark Little, Courtney Ross, Adam Gockowski and Dwayne Smith

ABSENT: Sheila Williams

ALSO PRESENT: David Post, Mayor Scaffide, Matt Vazzana and Shannon Collins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the April 18 and April 27, 2023 meeting as submitted.

Moved by A. Carcioppolo, seconded by M. Little

Upon roll, motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no audience participation this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vazzana went over the redline versions of the requested changes that were discussed at the prior meeting. He stated that the administration is still working on the verbiage of this section. He stated that proposed changes will be in line with how the city is functioning. He asked the commission for some additional time completing this. Some changes would be to consider language for lateral hires for police, fire and dispatch positions and reorganization of who some departments report to.

Mr. Vazzana stated that Mr. Barni has resigned his position on the commission. He thanked Mr. Barni for his service.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gockowski read 9.01 – 9.03. Mr. Castillo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Little asked what had changed in 2018. Mrs. Collins stated that in Sec. 9.03 the following was added ‘if the councilmember that is subject to the recall is a ward councilmember the ballot issue shall only be presented to the councilmembers ward for consideration. If the

councilmember subject to the recall is At-Large councilmember then the ballot issue shall be presented to the entire electorate.’

Mr. Feldman read 9.04. Mr. Castillo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Little asked about the line regarding to moral turpitude. Mr. Vazzana stated that sometimes these types of crimes are considered felonies and sometimes not. There was discussion on the timeline of what this process would look like. Mr. Vazzana stated that the language in our charter is pretty standard with most other communities regarding the recall.

Mr. Little read 10.01. Mr. Post asked for clarification on if there are two issues. Mr. Vazzana gave the example of if council put an issue on and then there is an initiative petition ballot issue on the same topic at the same election. The residents would have two conflicting ballot issues. This section of the charter states that the one that gets the most votes and is above the majority would be adopted.

Mr. Little read 10.02. Mr. Castillo asked if there were any comments on this section. There were no questions on this section.

Mr. Smith read 11.01. Mr. Castillo asked if there were any comments on this section. There was a question of where the seven months comes in. Mr. Vazzana stated that the city worked the timeline backwards to make sure we could get to council and the Board of Elections by their deadlines. The commission has up to seven months to meet to consider items.

Ms. Ross read 12.01 – 12.04. Mr. Castillo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Castillo asked what the ‘electronic medium generally recognized as an industry source for information’. Mr. Vazzana stated that line was there to allow the city to adapt into the future.

Mrs. Collins asked the commission to consider clarifying this section further to include code requirements to be able to use electronic notification.

There was also discussion regarding media vs. medium.

Mr. Post brought up the idea of the city matching the county with the number of days a candidate has to circulate petitions. This refers to Sec. 8.01. Mrs. Collins stated that this was presented to the voters in 2018 but was voted down. In the same ballot issue the primary was proposed to be moved to August along with the length of residency for mayor and council.

The commission spoke about how to present this to the community and how many ballot issues there will be. Mr. Vazzana stated that he hopes to have it consolidated to 6-8 issues.

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Mrs. Collins presented the idea of having the commissioners do short videos on each ballot issues. The videos would be short and provide a background as to why the commission thought this section of the charter should be considered by the voters.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by D. Smith, seconded by A. Gockowski

Upon roll, motion passed unanimously.

This meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM

Shaun Castillo, Chairperson

Shannon Collins, Secretary