

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2015**

1. Declaration of quorum and call meeting to order
With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. Roll call
Present: Fred Raschke, Greg Garrison, Elizabeth Beeton, Taylor Schwab, Rocky Sullivan, Don Davison, and Raymond Lewis.
3. Approval of minutes for the August 25, 2015 and October 12, 2015 meetings
Motion was made by Taylor Schwab, second by Rocky Sullivan, to approve minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting with one correction to Item 6(b). Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Beeton, second by Taylor Schwab, to approve minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting with one correction to Item 5(i). Unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment
5. Discuss and review final recommendations to amend the City Charter
 - a. **Motion was made by Taylor Schwab, second by Greg Garrison, to approve the recommended language that all bonds shall be sold in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Unanimously approved.**
 - b. **Rocky Sullivan advised that after studying the Strong Mayor form of government, he feels it is not right for Galveston. He is looking for a hybrid form of government for Galveston.**
 - c. **All Articles were reviewed by the committee to determine whether they fall into housekeeping or significant change categories.**
 - d. **Motion was made by Greg Garrison, second by Don Davison, to amend the language in Article V – Administrative Organization, Section 6 – Department of Law, to read “There shall be such Assistant City Attorneys as appointed by the City Attorney; and Section 7 – City Secretary, to read “There shall be such Assistant City Secretaries as appointed by the City Secretary”. The motion passed 6-0; Rocky Sullivan was not present for the vote.**
 - e. **Motion was made by Elizabeth Beeton, second by Taylor Schwab, to amend Article V – Administrative Organization, Section 1 – Council Appointees, by removing the words “initially” and “or after”. Unanimously approved. *Provided, however, that no appointee be initially appointed nor awarded a contract sixty (60) days before ~~or after~~ any City Council election.***
 - f. **Don Glywasky will remove the sentence in Article VII – Finance, Section 17(3) “Council may in its discretion raise the amount of the expenditures requiring such a report.” The addition of this sentence was not approved by the committee.**

- g. Don Glywasky will delete “City Collector of Taxes” in Article VIII – Taxation, Section 1 – Department of Taxation.**
- h. Motion was made by Taylor Schwab, second by Rocky Sullivan, to amend Article VIII – Taxation, Section 2(a) – Tax on Occupants of Hotel Rooms, be removing “The proceeds of any such tax levied at the rate of 3%, after the expense of collection, shall be appropriated by the city for the use by the beach park board of trustees for the purpose and promoting recreational facilities under the board’s supervision and control; provided, however, that no portion of the tax levied at the rate of 3% for advertising and promoting the city’s recreational advantages and advertising and promoting recreational facilities shall be used by the beach park board of trustees for capital improvements nor shall such proceeds ever be pledged as security for a bond issue.” Unanimously approved.**
- i. Don Glywasky will move the language from Article VIII – Taxation, Section 2(c) – Partial exemption for capital improvement bonds “The debt service for capital improvement bonds approved by the voters and issued after January 1, 2016, or for bonds for the refunding of capital improvement bonds approved by the voters and issued after January 1, 2016 shall be excluded from the limitation of the tax rate imposed by Article VIII Section 2 of this Charter” to Article VIII – Taxation, Section (1).**
- j. Motion was made by Greg Garrison, second by Raymond Lewis, to delete Article X – Planning, Section 1(7), by removing the old and new language.**
- k. In favor: Fred Raschke, Greg Garrison, Taylor Schwab, Rocky Sullivan, Don Davison, and Raymond Lewis.**
- l. In opposition: Elizabeth Beeton.**
- m. Motion passes.**
- n. Motion was made by Taylor Schwab, second by Elizabeth Beeton, to amend Article XIV – General Provisions, Section 16 – Sale of Property, to include the language “provided that the sale or disposition is reported in a public forum or medium, to be designated by Council in said ordinance.” Unanimously approved.**
- o. Motion was made by Taylor Schwab, second by Rocky Sullivan, to approve priorities ranked according by significance, and all housekeeping (non-substantive) items. Unanimously approved.**
 - 1. Priorities ranked by significance:**
 - a. Article III – The Council (page 3)**
 - b. Approval of the Budget (page 24)**
 - c. Purchasing (page 28)**
 - d. Capital Improvement Bonds (page 30)**
 - e. Planning (page 36)**
 - f. Council Appointees (page 19)**
 - g. Emergency Appropriations (page 25)**
 - h. Sanitation (page 14)**
 - i. Preamble**

2. Housekeeping items:
 - a. Article I – Incorporation, Form of Government, and General Powers, Section 6 – Annexation of Territory
 - b. Article II – The Council, Section 4 – Powers of the Council
 - c. Article II – The Council, Section 7 – Creation of the Office of Mayor, Qualifications, Term
 - d. Article II – The Council, Section 9 – City Secretary
 - e. Article II – The Council, Section 13 – Publication of Ordinances
 - f. Article II – The Council, Section 14 – Code of Ordinances
 - g. Article II – The Council, Section 15 – Emergency Powers
 - h. Article II – The Council, Section 16 – Limitation on Number of Terms of Councilmembers
 - i. Article V – Administrative Organization, Section 7 – City Secretary
 - j. Article V – Administrative Organization, Section 8 – City Auditor
 - k. Article VII – Finance, Section 3 – City Auditor
 - l. Article VII – Finance, Section 15a – Limitation on Borrowing
 - m. Article VII – Finance, Section 16 – Sale of Bonds
 - n. Article VII – Finance, Section 17(4), (5), and (6) – Purchasing Procedure
 - o. Article IX – Personnel, Section 3(a), (b), and (d) – Prohibited Acts
 - p. Article XIV – General Provisions, Section 12 – Official Newspaper
 - q. Article XIV – General Provisions, Section 16 – Sale of Property
 - r. Article XIV – General Provisions, Section 21 – Ethics Commission


6. Discuss and consider preparation of final report to the City Council on recommended changes to the City Charter

Chairperson Fred Raschke will prepare a final report to the City Council on recommended changes to the City Charter.

7. Set date and time of next meeting
N/A.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Janelle Williams, City Secretary