City of Denton Charter Review Committee

After determining that a quorum was present, the Charter Review Committee of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 5:32 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Kristine Bray, Angela Brewer-Isma, Brian Danhof, Jeremy Fykes, Nate Johnson, Michelle Jones, Gabriel Kirkpatrick, Weaver McClure, Lesly Molina Poer, Peter Mungiguerra, Julie Remski, Jane Zygiel.

ABSENT: Jesse Davis, Esperanza Trevino

The posted agenda noted the registration process for in-person, call-in, and public participation at this meeting. While citizen commentary received via the online registration process was not read, each member for the Charter Review Committee received each online commentary. In-person, and online comments received are reflected on the exhibit to the minutes of this meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CRC24-021 Receive comments from members of the public.

There was one presentation from the public from Liam Guame-Wakefield. Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

B. CRC24-022 Consider approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2024 Charter Review Committee Meeting.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Brian Danhof. Motion carried.
AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Fykes, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Davis, Trevino

C. CRC24-014 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on increasing the two-year term of the Municipal Judge to a four-year term.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to recommend increasing the two-year term of the Municipal Judge to a four-year term. Angela Brewer-Isma seconded. Motion carried.
AYES (8): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
NAYS (4): Danhof, Fykes, Jones, McClure
ABSENT (2): Davis, Trevino

D. CRC24-019 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on additional sections of the Charter submitted for review.

1) **Consider implementing a trigger amendment stating that if gay marriage is struck down in the courts and left not protected by the state of Texas, then "civil unions" will receive all the same benefits and restrictions currently applied to marriages in the city's codes, ordinances, and charter.**

   Committee discussion. Kristine Bray made a motion to receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering a trigger amendment stating that if gay marriage is struck down in the courts and left not protected by the state of Texas, then "civil unions" will receive all the same benefits and restrictions currently applied to marriages in the city's codes, ordinances, and charter. Gabriel Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

   AYES (9): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
   NAYS (3): Danhof, Fykes, McClure
   ABSENT (2): Davis, Trevino

2) **Consider implementing a one-year residency requirement for individuals serving on a citizen board, committee, or commission appointed by Council.**

   Committee discussion. Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering a one-year residency requirement for individuals serving on a citizen board, committee, or commission appointed by Council. Jeremy Fykes seconded. Motion carried.

   AYES (10): Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Fykes, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
   NAYS (2): Bray, McClure
   ABSENT (2): Davis, Trevino

3) **Consider moving municipal elections from May to November.**

   Committee discussion. Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to not receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering moving municipal elections from May to November. Julie Remski seconded. Motion carried.

   AYES (10): Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Fykes, Johnson, Jones, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
   NAYS (2): Bray, Kirkpatrick
   ABSENT (2): Davis, Trevino

4) **Consider modifying the total years allowed for residents to serve on Council.**

   Committee discussion. Peter Mungiguerra made a motion to not receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering modifying the total years allowed for residents to serve on Council. Julie Remski seconded. Motion carried.

   AYES (10): Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Fykes, Johnson, Jones, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
   NAYS (2): Bray, Kirkpatrick

ABSENT (2): Davis, Trevino

5) Consider modifying the eligibility for holding elected office and appointments to city boards.

Committee discussion. No action taken.

6) Consider adding language regarding the increase in rates or fees on citizens or businesses.

Angela Brewer-Isma made a motion to receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering adding language regarding the increase in rates or fees on citizens or businesses. Gabriel Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (10): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (4): Davis, Danhof, Fykes, Trevino

7) Consider adding language regarding the cost of new regulations.

Committee discussion. No action taken.

8) Consider adding language that requires posting the amount, if any, of inadequate contributions to fund pension or retirement plans for city employees, including fire and police.

Committee discussion. Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering adding language that requires posting the amount, if any, of inadequate contributions to fund pension or retirement plans for fire and police. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (10): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (4): Davis, Danhof, Fykes, Trevino

9) Consider adding language that requires reporting the amount of any unfunded mandate incurred by the City with information regarding the name of the mandate and cost to the City to comply.

Committee discussion. Angela Brewer-Isma made a motion to receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on considering adding language that requires reporting the amount of any unfunded mandate incurred by the City with information regarding the name of the mandate and cost to the City to comply. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (10): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (4): Davis, Danhof, Fykes, Trevino

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Members provided concluding items.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Kristine Bray	Kristi Fogle
Chair	Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____

September 19, 2024 Charter Review Committee Meeting - EXHIBIT A							
Name	**Last**	**Address**	**City**	**Agenda Item**	**Position**	**Method**	**Comments**
Liam	Guame-Wakefield	411 Ponder Ave	Denton	CRC24-019	None listed	Blue Card	Charter Review Committee Individual Consideration