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, October 17, 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, Jesse Davis, Jeremy Fykes, Nate Johnson, Gabriel Kirkpatrick, Lesly Molina Poer, Peter Mungiguerra, Julie Remski, Esperanza Trevino, Jane Zygiel.

ABSENT: Michelle Jones, Weaver McClure

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. CRC24-030 Receive comments from members of the public.

There were no presentations from the public.

B. CRC24-031 Consider approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2024 Charter Review Committee Meeting.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Esperanza Trevino. Motion carried.

AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

C. CRC24-033 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction adding language to the Charter regarding the increase in rates or fees on citizens or businesses.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Jesse Davis made a motion to recommend not adding language to the Charter regarding the increase in rates or fees on citizens or businesses. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

D. CRC24-034 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on adding language to the Charter that requires posting the amount, if any, of inadequate contributions to fund pension or retirement plans for fire and police employees.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Angela Brewer-Isma made a motion to recommend not adding language to the Charter that requires posting the amount, if any, of inadequate contributions to fund pension or retirement plans for fire and police employees. Gabriel Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

E. CRC24-035 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on adding language to the Charter 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.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Peter Mungiguerra made a motion to recommend not adding language to the Charter 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. Angela Brewer-Isma seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

F. CRC24-008 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on modifying the mix of single and at-large districts.

G. CRC24-009 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the need for additional Council seats based on population size and projected growth.

Chair Kristine Bray called items F and G together for reconsideration.

Jesse Davis called a point of order citing City Council Rules and Procedures Section 2-29(g)11 that reconsideration of these items was out of order.

Chair Bray denied the point of order, citing that it is the charge of the committee to produce recommendations on each item. Because these items failed to receive a majority vote in either direction at a previous meeting, the committee is unable to provide a recommendation, and should therefore reconsider the items until a majority is reached.

Jesse Davis made a motion to appeal the ruling of the chair. Jeremy Fykes seconded. Discussion followed regarding the threshold to approve the motion. Chair Bray ruled that a two-thirds majority of those present or eight members would be necessary. Deputy City Attorney, Amanda Brown confirmed this ruling.

Motion failed.

AYES (4): Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Remski
NAYS (8): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Trevino, Zygiel
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

Jesse Davis made a motion to postpone items F and G to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee. Jeremy Fykes seconded. Motion failed.

AYES (5): Bray, Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Remski
NAYS (7): Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Trevino, Zygiel
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

The items were presented, and discussion followed.

Peter Mungiguerra made a motion to recommend modifying the Council makeup to 8 single member districts and an at-large mayor. Esperanza Trevino seconded. Discussion followed.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to call the previous question. Angela Brewer-Isma seconded. Discussion followed and the motion and second were withdrawn.

Discussion continued on the underlying motion by Peter Mungiguerra. Motion carried.

AYES (8): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (4): Danhof, Davis, Fykes, Remski
ABSENT (2): Jones, McClure

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Members provided concluding items.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

_____	_____
Kristine Bray	Kristi Fogle
Chair	Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____