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, November14, 2024, at 5:34 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, Nate Johnson, Michelle Jones Gabriel Kirkpatrick, Weaver McClure, Lesly Molina Poer, Peter Mungiguerra, Julie Remski, Esperanza Trevino, Jane Zygiel.

ABSENT: Jeremy Fykes

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. CRC24-038 Receive comments from members of the public.

There was one presentation from the public from Charles Lee. Citizen comments are noted on Exhibit A.

B. CRC24-037 Consider approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2024 Charter Review Committee Meeting.

Weaver McClure made a motion to amend the minutes, motion seconded by Jesse Davis. The committee agreed to review the amendment and postpone the item until the end of the meeting.

C. CRC24-032 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on resolving conflicts with state law and vague/unclear language in the Charter, and replacing all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language, where applicable

The item was presented, and the committee took action on the following items:

Article II, Section 2.04 – Vacancies in Council. Modification of language conform to state law regarding uniform municipal election dates.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to approve the recommendation. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (13): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Fykes

Article II, Section 2.06(c) – Quorum Voting. Modification of language to clarify the calculation of quorum in the instance of vacancies on Council.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to approve the recommendation. Angela Brewer-Isma seconded. Motion failed.

AYES (3): Bray, Johnson, Mungiguerra,
NAYS (10): Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
ABSENT (1): Fykes

Article III, Section 3.01(b)(2)—Municipal Elections. Modification of language to conform to state law regarding uniform municipal election dates.

Angela Brewer-Isma made a motion to approve the recommendation. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (13): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Fykes

Article IV. Section 4.08 – Submission of Electors. Modification of language to conform to state law regarding uniform municipal election dates.

Peter Mungiguerra made a motion to approve the recommendation. Brian Danhof seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (13): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Fykes

Article IV, Section 4.17. Modification of language to address unclear/inaccurate language regarding the District Judge's duty to order an election.

Peter Mungiguerra made a motion to approve the recommendation. Gabriel Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (13): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Fykes

Article I, Section 1.07. Replace all gendered language with non-gendered language.

Lesly Molina Poer made a motion to approve the recommendation. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (1): McClure

ABSENT (1): Fykes

D. CRC24-008 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the summary of committee recommendations that will be submitted to Council for placement on the ballot.

The item was presented, and the committee took action on the following items:

Charge D. Modify the mix of single and at-large districts
Charge F. Additional Council seats based on population size and estimated growth

Brian Danhof made a motion to modify the ballot language to read, "Shall the City Charter be amended to convert the Council from 4 single-member geographical districts, two at-large districts, and an at-large mayor to 8 single-member geographical districts and the mayor elected at-large?"

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

Charge G. Modify the Mayor and Council stipend.

Julie Remski made a motion to modify the ballot language to read, "Shall the City Charter be amended to provide for an annual increase to the Mayor and Council member stipend equal to the annual cost of living increase given to city employees with a stipend increase cap of no more than the previous year's consumer price index (CPI)?

Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (13): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Fykes

Charge I. Increase the Municipal Judge term to four years.

Kristine Bray made a motion to approve the recommendation. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

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

Charge K. Review additional sections not listed.

Jesse Davis made a motion to approve the recommendation. Peter Mungiguerra seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (12): Bray, Brewer-Isma, Danhof, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kirkpatrick, McClure, Molina Poer, Mungiguerra, Remski, Trevino, Zygiel

NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Fykes, Zygiel

Postponed:

B. CRC24-037 Consider approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2024 Charter Review Committee Meeting.

Weaver McClure made a motion to amend the minutes, motion seconded by Jesse Davis.

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

Reconsideration:

D. CRC24-008 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the summary of committee recommendations that will be submitted to Council for placement on the ballot.

Kristine Bray made a motion to reconsider the vote in which Charges D and F were approved. Seconded by Peter Mungiguerra. Motion failed.

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

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS
Members provided concluding items.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Kristine Bray	Kristi Fogle
Chair	Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____