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HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION

Town Hall – Council Chambers

May 11, 2022

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Chairman Reddish.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair B. Joe Reddish, III, Mark Reynolds, Gina M. DeBernardo, Erin F. Liese, Krista Tracy, and Tracy A. Nelson. Not present: Benjamin Jack and Joseph Arsenault.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Discussion and Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2022

MOTION made by G. DeBernardo SECOND by M. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2022 meeting with one scribe error amendment. Vote: Chair B. Joe Reddish, III, Aye; Mark Reynolds, Aye; Gina M. DeBernardo, Aye; Erin F. Liese, Aye; Krista Tracy, Aye; and Tracy A. Nelson, Abstain.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Commission May Review, Discuss and/or take Action on the following items:

- 1) Discussion on Final Review

The Charter Commission reviewed the potential amendments.

T. Nelson questioned the advice and consent section.

M. Reynolds would compare with the original and submit new draft language for review.

E. Liese suggested providing a report with cover letter to Council on changes.

T. Nelson advised on the Warrant the time and place of referendum will need to be added.

J. Reddish discussed concern with public awareness.

Discussion ensued on public input session.

- 2) Discussion on any other areas that should be reviewed or added to the Charter

Discussion ensued on timeline.

It was noted T. Nelson would draft the final mockup for changes and M. Reynolds would craft the memo to Council for consideration on May 17, 2022.

It was noted that the Commission would request the Council hold the public hearing during their process and request the Solicitor to provide legal review.

MOTION made by T. Nelson SECOND by G. DeBernardo to adopt the Charter Review Commission's Draft of Amendments dated May 11, 2022 with the addition of language explaining the time and place of the Referendum and forward to Council with a Memorandum reviewing the potential amendments with a request for legal review and public hearing as part of the Council's review process. Vote: All Ayes

- 3) Schedule future meeting dates

It was agreed to meet prior to the Council meeting of June 7, 2022 to adopt pending minutes.

E. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION made by G. DeBernardo, SECOND by M. Reynolds to adjourn at 6:18 P.M.
All Ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin F. Liese, CMC
Town Clerk