

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
WESTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WESTERVILLE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

March 10, 2020, 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, 21 S. State Street
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1 CALL TO ORDER

Council met in Work Session on March 10, 2020 with Council members Diane Conley, Alex Heckman, Craig Treneff, Kathy Cocuzzi, Valerie Cumming, Kenneth Wright, Michael Heyeck, City Manager David Collinsworth and staff, Law Director Bruce Bailey, and Clerk of Council Mary Johnston. Charter Review Commission members Larry Jenkins, Lavonne Bailey, Megan Reamsnyder, John Bokros and Dennis Blair. Also attending were Assistant Law Director Tom Schmitt and Assistant Prosecutor Lauren Swihart.

2 PRELIMINARY ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR DISCUSSION/REVIEW BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Charter Review Commission Chair Larry Jenkins reviewed the preliminary issues that have been identified by the Commission at their recent meetings along with Mr. Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt shared three questions for Council consideration: 1) Are there any issues that are not on the preliminary issues list which should be; 2) Are there any issues that should be deleted (should not be analyzed); 3) Are there any issues that should be prioritized. The goal for tonight's meeting is to help the Commission focus on its analysis. The next steps will be for the Commission to analyze results from tonight's meeting and then issue recommendations (if any) for amendment. The Commission's recommendations will be reported to Council in the May 14 packet for introduction and discussion at the May 19 Regular meeting. The amendments will appear for Three Readings at the June 2, June 16 and July 1 meeting. The preliminary issues presented are categorized into five separate issues: Notice/Publication; Clarify/Conform to Current Practice; Implement New Practice; State Law; and Candidates and Elections. Under Notice/Publications: #4 Notice/Posting of Special Meetings; #9 Maintaining three copies and "make available for sale" of form ordinances; #11 Posting in three public places; #32 All other "post" and "publish" and "notice" requirements. Council consented for the Commission to continue their analysis. Under the Clarify/Conform Current Practice: #3 "Presenting" Council Resignation; #5 Deputy Clerk; #6 Council Officer Pay Increase; #7 Clarify three readings; #16 & #24 Make CIP obligatory; #18 City Manager Vacancy; #19-21 Department Heads; #28 Appointment to Intergovernmental Collaborative Organizations; #30 Vacancy on Boards and Commissions; #31 Voting Counts; #33 "Appoint", "choose", "elect" and "select". After discussion, #16 and #24 were removed. Commission is to work with the City Manager on #19-21. Under Implement New Practice: #1 and #2 Term Start/Organizational Meeting; #8 Whole ordinance at amendment; #10 Automatic updates; #12 Resolution effective dates; #22 Planning Commission Term Limits; #23 Appoint Temporary Planning Commission Alternates; #26 Council Term Limits. After discussion, the Commission will clarify #12 Resolution effective dates; #22 Planning Commission Term Limits as an Ordinance; and remove #26 Council Term Limits. Under State Law: #15 and #17 City Manager/Assistant City Manager Residency Requirement; #27 Recall; #29 "Compatibility". After discussion, state law requires #15 and #17 be deleted; #27 Recall to implement state law procedures; #29 to review to allow members to serve on other commissions and a mandatory cooling off for employees. Under Candidates and Elections: #13 Candidate actions; #14 Staff limitations; and #25 Ballot labels. After discussion, it was felt that #13 and #14 could be addressed in the City's Personnel Code. #25 will be reviewed further by the Commission.

Public comments to the Charter Review Commission are due by March 17, 2020. The Charter Review Commission's next meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

3 ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Mary J. Johnston, MMC
Clerk of Council

Michael Heyeck
Chairman of Council