Regular Meeting-Giddings Charter Review Committee

Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Dowell at 7:01 p.m.

Present Board Members: Chair John Dowell, Vice Chair John Simmang, Lisa Petzold, Crystal Scott, Randie Maass, John Dowell, Kristin Schumann, Julie Nitsche.
Staff Present: City Attorney Tyler Stevens, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Finance Director Heather Garner.

2. **Discussion and take action regarding the Charter Review Committee Minutes from Thursday, December 12, 2024.**

A motion was made to by Charter Review Committee Vice Chair John Simmang and seconded by Charter Review Committee Member Lisa Petzold to approve the Charter Review Committee Minutes for the meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Charter Review Members: Simmang, Petzold, Scott, Maass, Schumann, Nitsche
Nays: None

3. **Discussion/action regarding review of the City of Giddings Charter.**

Charter Review Committee Chair John Dowell started the discussion on Section 5. Conflict of Interest. The paperwork that was requested last meeting is in the packet. The Charter was changed in 2012 for the Conflict of Interest. The discussion brought many suggestions to change this part of the charter. Chair John Dowell asked members to think about the issues on this change for conflict interest and bring back to the next Charter Review Committee Meeting. Charter Review Member Crystal Scott will bring different charters from other city's that compares to this conflict of interest.

Page C-5 Section 6 Forfeit-

Charter Review Committee Chair John Dowell had a question on should this be for the G.V.F.D, E.M.S, G.E.D.C. as well. Chair John Dowell stated we bring this to the next meeting for Tyler.

Page C-9 Section 4 Absence or Disability of City Manager

Charter Review Committee Member Randie Maass asked can we clarify what is an absence for the City Manager.

Page C-12 Section 2 Eminent Domain

Charter Review Committee Chair John Dowell stated the sentence highlighted needs words changed the (one-word fee) stated it doesn't make sense. The section may need to be cleaned up for the right wording.

Page C-14 Section 6 Water & Sewer

Charter Review Committee Randie Maass asked about the Section 6 can this be changed the same as Section 7 Water & Sewer.

Page C-15 Section 10 Lands and Other Properties

Charter Review Committee Vice Chair John Simmang had a question what does this mean for the City of Giddings? Charter Review Committee Chair John stated this is in the charter so the City of Giddings may sell or purchase land in the City. Charter Review Committee Chair John gave example of: City does sell alleys to homeowners.

Page C-15 Section 13 Airport

Charter Review Committee Member Julie Nitsche ask could we put more information into the airport part of the charter. Julie will ask for advice from a member on the board. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated she would do research on the on-airport information and get back with Charter Review Committee Julie Nitsche.

Page C-23 Section 1 Fiscal Year

Charter Review Committee Chair John Dowell asked for this section to remove ==succeeding== maybe clean up the wording.

Page C-26 Section 2 Procedure

Charter Review Committee Chair John Dowell asked can this section needs be cleaned up and wording different and maybe do (a.b.c.) for a list to break it down to be better understood.

 NO ACTION TAKEN

4.   Adjournment:

A motion was made by Charter Review Member Randie Maass and seconded by Charter Review Vice Chair John Simmang to adjourn the meeting.
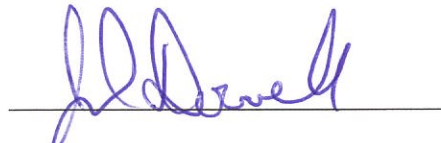
Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Charter Review Members: Simmang, Petzold, Scott, Nitsche, Maass, Schumann, Nitsche
Nays: None

Charter Review Committee Chair John Dowell adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

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Andrea Ray, City Secretary

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John Dowell, Chair Charter Review Committee