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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 1, 2011

The Charter Review Commission of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Norton City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.

I. Attendance:

A. Present: Shannon Barker, Gayle Brenner, Mary Ann Driscoll, Jim Pekarek, and Ron Schaffer

B. Absent: Ron Clawson and Bill Conte

C. Public Attendees: Don Nicolard and Rick Ryland

II. Consideration of Minutes:

Vice-Chairperson Brenner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 25, 2011 meeting with a minor correction. Mr. Schaffer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

III. Old Business:

A. Review of Article 3.04: The Commission discussed this article at length. The Commission debated the ideas of the voters electing a Council President or the Council President being elected by Council member from among the At-Large Members. A term limit and starting year for this recommendation was also discussed. Finally, it was decided that the Commission would recommend that the number of Council At-Large seats be reduced from three to two. The Council President will be elected by the voters (all wards) for a two year term. The Council President will have no regular voting privileges. He/she will facilitate Council Meetings and vote only in the event of a tie. The total number of Council members will not change. The Commission recommends that these changes not take effect until 2015. Mr. Schaffer made the motion to recommend this modification to Council. Mrs. Driscoll seconded the motion. Chairperson Pekarek, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Schaffer, and Mrs. Driscoll all voted in favor. Vice-Chairperson Brenner abstained from the vote since she was undecided.

B. Review of Articles 6.02, 6.03, and 6.05: The Commission reviewed and discussed the drafted ordinances for these articles regarding adjustments to the term limits for the Parks and Recreation Board, the Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Ryland clarified the suggestions and all agreed they are reasonable. Vice-Chairperson Brenner made the motion to recommend these changes to Council. Mrs. Barker seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

IV. New Business:

A. Review of drafted ordinance for Article 3.13: Mr. Ryland provided the Commission with the drafted ordinance for the recommended adjustments to this article. During one of the previous meetings, the Commission determined that the Clerk of Council shall provide a minimum of 12 hours notice for a special meeting. The drafted ordinance

remained at the current 24 hours. The Commission decided to maintain their previous decision that 12 hours is sufficient time for the notification of a special meeting.

B. Review of comments from the public: There were no written comments from the public to discuss. Councilman Nicolard thanked everyone for their service on the committee.

V. Announcements:

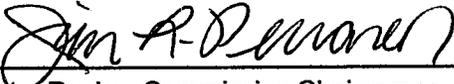
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Norton City Council Chambers.

VI. Adjournment:

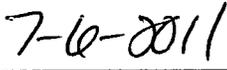
Chairperson Pekarek adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Ann Driscoll - Stenographer



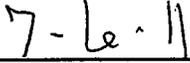
Charter Review Commission Chairperson



Date



Charter Review Commission Vice-Chairperson



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