



2024 City of Dallas Charter Review Commission

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Meeting Date:
March 4, 2024

Convened:
6:31 pm

Adjourned:
9:57 pm

Commission Members Present:

The Honorable Allen Vaught, Chair
The Honorable Adam Medrano, District 6, Vice Chair
David de la Fuente, District 1
The Honorable Miguel Solis, District 2
Lisa LeMaster, District 3
Isaac Steen, District 4
Nancy Bernardino, District 5
Stuart Campbell, District 7
Gregory Franklin, District 8
P. Michael Jung, District 9
The Honorable Patti Clapp, District 10
Terry Lowery, District 11
The Honorable Adam McGough, District 12
Marshall Mills, District 13 (departed at 9:02 pm)
The Honorable Angela Hunt, District 14

AGENDA

Call to Order 6:31pm
A quorum was present

Approval of February 6, 2024 Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes Presenter(s): Allen Vaught, Chair

Approval of minutes from the previous commission meeting. Commissioner McGough moved to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Clapp.

Action Taken: APPROVED

BRIEFING ITEMS

J. Amend the ways in which the Parks and Recreation Department is overseen.***Possible options based on submitted proposals:***

- **Require the Parks and Recreation Department to report to the city manager instead of the Park Board. [Amendments 70 and 85]**
- **Allow the Parks and Recreation Department's budget be approved directly by city council. [Amendment 121]**

Following nearly two full hours of public speakers, primarily on the issues relating to Agenda Item J, this discussion was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Hunt moved to defer Amendment 121 until March 26. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Medrano and carried with no opposition.

Commissioner McGough then moved to exclude amendments 70 and 85 from further consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jung and carried with no opposition.

Action Taken: DEFERRED AMENDMENT 121 UNTIL MARCH 26; MOVED TO EXCLUDE AMENDMENTS 70 AND 85

A. Establish the Office of Inspector General in the city charter with the Inspector General being appointed by city council. [Amendment 83]

Commissioner McGough moved to include this amendment for final consideration with "for cause" language included as it relates to the process for firing of the Inspector General. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Following discussion regarding the concerns around having the Inspector General report to a body which it may be investigating, the Commission debated whether to include for-cause language or a higher voting standard to remove the Inspector General from the position. Commissioner McGough withdrew the motion with the intention to make another motion in line with the discussion.

Commissioner McGough then moved to include the amendment for final consideration, subject to final language approval to be reviewed during the Commission's final vote. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion, which carried with no opposition.

Action Taken: MOVED TO INCLUDE SUBJECT TO FINAL LANGUAGE APPROVAL

K. Require that the Office of Community Police Oversight and the Community Police Oversight Board report directly to the city council, rather than the city manager. [Amendment 101]

Commissioner McGough moved to exclude the amendment from further consideration and was seconded by Commissioner Medrano. There was discussion regarding how the office and related board is structured. The motion to exclude failed, 4-10, with Commissioners Jung, Clapp, Lowery, and McGough in support.

Commissioner Campbell then moved to include the amendment with amended language that would only allow the City Council to select the director of the Office of Community Police Oversight. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. Following further discussion, the motion was withdrawn so that a motion could be made to defer the item.

Commissioner Hunt then moved to defer the item for consideration on March 26, which was seconded by Commissioner Franklin. The motion carried 13-1, with Commissioner McGough in opposition.

Action Taken: HELD UNTIL MARCH 26

V. Broaden the city's notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication in Chapters III §19, IV §13, XI §3, XV §4(3), XVIII §7 and §15, and XXII §2(a). [Amendments 110, 118, 119, and 120]

Commissioner de la Fuente moved to include the updated language, as presented by submitters and written in conjunction with the City's Communications, Outreach, and Marketing Department and the City Attorney's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clapp and carried with no opposition.

Action Taken: MOVED TO INCLUDE

Following the consideration of Item V, Commissioner Campbell moved to add a new amendment to be added to the March 26 agenda. The amendment called for consideration of amending Chapter IV, Sec. 5 of the charter to add eligibility criteria for serving on the redistricting commission. Commissioner Hunt then seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Action Taken: ADDED AMENDMENT TO MAR. 25 AGENDA

Commissioner Hunt moved to place Amendment 15, related to positions exempt from civil service, on the March 26 agenda for consideration of alternate wording. The

amendment was previously included for further consideration on February 6. Commissioner Solis then seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

Action Taken: ADDED AMENDMENT TO MAR. 25 AGENDA

Commissioner Solis then moved to table remaining items on the March 4 agenda until the March 26 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell and carried with no opposition.

Action Taken: TABLED ALL REMAINING ITEMS UNTIL MAR 26

Adjourn 9:57pm

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Allen Vaught, Chair
Charter Review Commission

Jake Anderson, Coordinator
Charter Review Commission