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1500 Marilla Street
Council Chambers, 6th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75201



Charter Review Commission

March 4, 2024

6:30 PM

The Charter Review Commission meeting will be held by video conference and in the Council Chambers, 6th Floor at City Hall.

The public may attend the meeting virtually; City Hall is available for those wishing to attend the meeting in person.

The following video conference link is available to the public to listen to the meeting and Public Affairs and Outreach will also stream the Charter Review Commission on Spectrum Cable Channels 16 (English) and 95 (Spanish) and at [bit.ly/cityofdallastv](https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=m4210537c25368d19fe19efa8a780df81).

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Call to Order

Public Speakers

MINUTES

1. [24-870](#) Approval of the February 20, 2024, Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- A. [24-883](#) Establish the Office of Inspector General in the city charter with the Inspector General being appointed by city council. [Amendment 83]

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- B. [24-891](#) Establish a Community Bond Commission. [Amendment 40]

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- C. [24-894](#) Add a required pension contribution to the Charter. [Amendment 41]

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- D. [24-871](#) Add a provision triggering the implementation of ranked choice voting in municipal elections once the state law is amended to allow for ranked choice voting. [Amendment 2]

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- E. [24-872](#) Amend the annual salary for members of the City Council.
Possible options based on submitted proposals:
- Mayor's salary raised to 135 percent and councilmembers' salaries raised to 100 percent of median household income of the Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area. [Amendment 32]
 - Mayor's and councilmembers' salaries raised to \$125k/year, indexed to Consumer Price Index. [Amendment 7]
 - Mayor's salary raised to \$140k/year and councilmembers' salaries raised to \$125k/year, indexed to Consumer Price Index. [Amendment 97]
 - \$100k/year for mayor and city council positions. [Amendment 111]

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- F. [24-873](#) Amend Chapter III §4 to clarify that, in addition to annual salaries, mayor and councilmembers also receive benefits for elected officials as permitted by law. [Amendment 109]

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- G. [24-874](#) Provide members of the city plan commission with an annual salary of \$25,000. [Amendment 14]

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- H. [24-876](#) Grant city council the authority to confirm the hiring of all department directors and require a public hearing for each position. [Amendment 113]

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- I. [24-882](#) Appointments of the chiefs of the police department and the fire-rescue department.
Possible options based on submitted proposals:
- Require that the city manager’s appointments of the chiefs of the police department and the fire-rescue department be confirmed by the city council. [Amendment 108]
 - Require the city council, instead of the city manager, to appoint and remove the chiefs of the police department and the fire-rescue department. [Amendment 12]
- Attachments:** [Attachment](#)
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- J. [24-878](#) 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]
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- K. [24-884](#) 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]
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- L. [24-879](#) Require the city manager to seek and obtain the city council’s policy priorities before submitting the city manager’s annual budget and require the city manager’s annual budget to reflect those priorities. [Amendment 108]
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- M. [24-880](#) Amend Chapter III §13(b) to allow each council committee to elect their own chairs and vice chairs. [Amendment 122]
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- N. [24-881](#) Require that the mayor receive two councilmember co-sponsors for board and commission chair appointments. [Amendment 96]
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- O. [24-885](#) Authorize the mayor to exercise veto power over city council action calling a special election for the purpose of authorizing general obligation bonds, with a city council override of a two-thirds vote. [Amendment 108]
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- P. [24-887](#) Establish an Office of Ombudsman within the function of the city auditor. [Amendment 37]
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- Q. [24-888](#) Clarify that city council's appointments to boards and commissions are at-will. [Amendment 13]
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- R. [24-889](#) Delete Chapter III §15 prohibiting city council from interfering with appointments or subordinates of city manager. [Amendment 9]
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- S. [24-890](#) Require appointees to boards and commissions to reside in the council district of the nominating councilmember, while allowing for a 2/3 vote non-district exception. [Amendment 124]
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- T. [24-892](#) Change wording in the charter to be more inclusive, using "resident" or "people" in place of citizen. [Amendment 1]
- U. [24-897](#) Prohibit city council candidates from soliciting campaign contributions except during the 180 days prior to the election date. [Amendment 53]
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- V. [24-893](#) 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]

Note: This item was held under advisement by the Charter Review Commission on February 6, 2024.

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- W. [24-886](#) Amend the vote requirement for council to modify the redistricting commission's recommended districting plan from a 3/4 majority vote to a 2/3 majority vote in Chapter IV §5(b)(6). [Amendment 93]

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Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]