

CITY OF BEDFORD
Charter Review Commission
March 28, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Present: Cindy Klement, Anthony Longino-Thomas, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Scott McKenzie, Marilyn Trzeciak, Ralph King, Gina Pieragostine, Helen Briggs, Laura Hulett, Law Director John Montello.

Absent: Trish Duncan.

Chairman, Helen Briggs called the meeting to order, approx. 6:35 PM. Review and approval of the March 14th minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

The following Preamble, Articles, and Sections were reviewed and discussed:

PREAMBLE

ARTICLE I: Name and Powers

Section I-1: General Powers

Section I-2: Change of Boundaries and Annexation

ARTICLE II: Council

Section II-1 (a) Powers, Numbers, and Term

Term limits were proposed for discussion, Penny Wood, suggested a term limit of 3 four year terms. A unanimous agreement could not be reached, further discussion and a final decision will be tabled until the end of review.

Section II-1 (b) Wards

Section II-1 (c) Equalization of Wards

Wards and Equalization of Wards will be addressed once state guidelines are provided by Law Director John Montello, discussion and final decision will be tabled until the end of review.

Section II-2: Qualifications

Requiring a longer period of residency was proposed for discussion, Helen Briggs suggested a change from 6 months as a ward resident to 2 years, or possibly, 1 year residency in the city and 6 months in the ward. A unanimous agreement could not be reached, further discussion and final decision will be tabled until the end of review.

Section II-3: Removal

Maximum number of absences from council meetings was proposed for discussion, Helen Briggs questioned how many total absences were allowed, Law Director John Montello to provide that information. Further discussion and final decisions will be tabled until the end of review.

It was agreed by all to reconvene on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Ellenwood Center.

There being no further business, Helen Briggs requests a motion to adjourn, Anthony Longino-Thomas motions to adjourn, and Ralph King seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully,

Gina Pieragostine, Secretary