

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

Present: Cindy Klements, Trish Duncan, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Marilyn Trzeciak, Ralph King, Gina Pieragostine, Helen Briggs, Laura Hulett, Law Director John Montello.

Absent: Anthony Longino-Thomas, Scott McKenzie

Chairman, Helen Briggs called the meeting to order, approx. 6:37 PM.

Helen Briggs made a motion, seconded by Ralph King, to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes. Vote - Yes: Helen Briggs, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Laura Hulett, Ralph King, Trish Duncan, Marilyn Trzeciak, Cindy Klements, Gina Pieragostine. No: None.

Helen Briggs made a motion, seconded by Ralph King, to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes. Vote - Yes: Helen Briggs, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Laura Hulett, Ralph King, Marilyn Trzeciak, Cindy Klements, Gina Pieragostine. No: None. Abstained: Trish Duncan.

The following Articles, and Sections were reviewed and discussed:

ARTICLE II Council

Section II-4: Vacancies

A vacant Council seat time-frame was proposed for discussion, Ralph King suggested, 10 days to announce the vacancy, and 60 days to fill the seat. Motion made by Ralph King, seconded by Trish Duncan. Vote – Yes: Cindy Klements, Trish Duncan, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Marilyn Trzeciak, Ralph King, Gina Pieragostine, Helen Briggs, Laura Hulett. No: None

Section II-5: Salaries

Section II-6: Quorum, Attendance, Rules

Section II-7: Meetings

Section II-8: Mayor and Vice-Mayor

It was proposed for discussion by Laura Hulett, that the first sentence in the last paragraph be changed to read: In the event that a catastrophic event occurs and three (3) or fewer Councilpersons..., currently it reads as: three (3) or less Councilpersons. Motion was made by Laura Hulett, seconded by Cindy Klements, all in favor. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section II-9: Appointees

It was proposed for discussion by Cindy Klements, that any reference to the City Manager should read: City Manager, not Manager as it currently reads throughout. Motion was made by Trish Duncan, seconded by Cindy Klements, all in favor. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section II-10: General Provisions

Section II-11: Conflict of Interest

It was proposed for discussion by Laura Hulett, that the following corrections be made:

1) Remove comma in first sentence after the word 'employee'. 2) Correct spelling of the word which in first paragraph, wich to which. 3) In the second paragraph, remove the word But at the beginning of the second to last sentence. Motion was made by Trish Duncan, seconded by Penny Wood, all in favor. These are grammatical corrections, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section II-12: Conflict of Interest (Boards, Commissions, Committees)

It was proposed for discussion by Cindy Klements and Trish Duncan that the following corrections be made: 1) The word "shall", that appears 4 times in this paragraph, be replaced with the word "will". 2) Line 6, after the word 'interest', insert a comma, add the word However, and change The to the. Motion was made by Trish Duncan, seconded by Penny Wood, all in favor. These are grammatical corrections, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

ARTICLE III – City Manager

Section III-1 Appointment

Tabled until next meeting.

It was agreed by all to reconvene on Monday, April 11, 2022 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Ellenwood Center.

There being no further business, Helen Briggs requests a motion to adjourn, Cindy Klements motions to adjourn, and Marilyn Trzeciak seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully,

Gina Pieragostine, Secretary