

CITY OF BEDFORD
Charter Review Commission
April 11, 2022 - 6:30 PM

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

Chairman, Helen Briggs called the meeting to order, approx. 6:35 PM.

Helen Briggs asks for a motion to approve the April 6th 2022 minutes, Trish Duncan motions to approve, Ken Robinson seconded the motion. Vote - Yes: Helen Briggs, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Laura Hulett, Ralph King, Trish Duncan, Marilyn Trzeciak, Cindy Klements, Gina Pieragostine, Anthony Longino-Thomas, Scott McKenzie. No: None.

The following Articles, and Sections were reviewed and discussed:

ARTICLE III City Manager

Section III-1: Appointment

City Manager job posting time-frame was proposed for discussion, Ralph King suggested that the job posting be made public within 10 days of the position becoming available. Law Director John Montello recommends a possible amendment to the current council rules and/or personnel manual to address this suggestion. Further discussion and final decision will be tabled until the end of review.

Section III-2: Qualifications

The residency requirement needs to be removed, the City Manager cannot be required to reside in the city, Ohio state law prohibits this requirement for employees.

Section III-3: Powers and Duties

It was suggested by Cindy Klements to change Manager (referenced twice in the last paragraph) to City Manager, – All in favor. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

ARTICLE IV Administrative Officers and Departments

Section IV-1: Departments

It was suggested by Cindy Klements that the second last sentence in paragraph read: ...vote of five (5) members or more, sentence is currently missing (5) and or more – All in favor. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section IV-2: Directors

It was suggested by Cindy Klements to change Manager (referenced once in the second paragraph) to City Manager, – All in favor. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section IV-3: Salaries and Bonds

Section IV-4: Appointments of Directors of Law, Finance and Clerk of Council

ARTICLE V Nominations and Elections

Section V-1: Time of Holding Elections

Section V-2: Ballots

Section V-3: Petitions for Places on Ballot

This section references a 6 month residency requirement for councilpersons as does Article I, Section II-2. A longer period of residency for council members was previously proposed. Discussion and final decision will be tabled until the end of review.

Section V-4: Time of Filing (repealed 2002)

Section V-5: Elections

Section V-6: General Election Laws, Voting Machines and Absentee

Section V-7: Voting Machines (repealed 1982)

Section V-8: Voting by Members of Armed Forces (repealed 1982)

Section V-9: Judicial Candidates

ARTICLE VI Initiative, Referendum and Recall

Section VI-1: Initiative

Section VI-2: Referendum

It was suggested by Laura Hulett to remove the word 'but' after the (;) semi-colon, located in the third sentence of the first paragraph – All in favor. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

It was agreed by all to reconvene on Wednesday, April 20, 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 8:03 PM.

Respectfully,

Gina Pieragostine, Secretary