

CITY OF BEDFORD
Charter Review Commission
April 20, 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. 6:35 PM.

Helen Briggs asks for a motion to approve the April 11th 2022 minutes - Cindy Klements notes that a correction needs to be made to Article IV, Section IV-1: Departments – second last sentence should read: ...vote of five (5) or more members. Laura Hulett motions to approve minutes with correction, Penny Wood seconded the motion. Vote - Yes: Helen Briggs, Ken Robinson, Penny Wood, Laura Hulett, Ralph King, Trish Duncan, Marilyn Trzeciak, Cindy Klements, Gina Pieragostine. No: None.

The following Articles, and Sections were reviewed and discussed:

ARTICLE VI Initiative, Referendum and Recall

Section VI-3: Recall

Section VI-4: General Provisions

- 1) *It was proposed for discussion by Ralph King to change the time frame in which petitions should be filed with the Clerk of Council from 90 days to 120 days - referenced in the third and fourth paragraph. Discussion and final decision tabled until the end of review.*
- 2) *It was proposed for discussion by Ralph King to change the time frame in which to correct a petition deemed insufficient by Clerk of Council from 15 days to 30 days – referenced in the fifth paragraph. Discussion and final decision tabled until the end of review.*
- 3) *Noted typos in last paragraph: numbers in parenthesis do not correspond with written numbers – “forty (90) and ninety (120)” should read: forty (40) and ninety (90) – typo appears twice in the last paragraph. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.*

Section VI-5: Official Publicity

It was proposed for discussion to include electronic forms of communication in addition to printed publications as a way to circulate information to the population – Law Director, John Montello to provide information on what state law requires. Discussion and final decision tabled until end of review.

ARTICLE VII Finances

Section VII-1 Budget

Section VII-2 Appropriation Ordinance

Section VII-3 Transfer of Funds

Section VII-4 Unencumbered Balances

Section VII-5 Payment of Claims

Section VII-6 Certification of Funds

Section VII-7 Money in the Funds

Section VII-8 Bond Issues

Section VII-9 Maturities of Bonds

It was suggested by Laura Hulett to insert a comma after the word asset in the second sentence. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section VII-10 Temporary Loans

Section VII-11 Monthly Statement by Director of Finance

Section VII-12 Limitation of the Rate of Taxation

Section VII-13 Other Taxes

Section VII-14 Additional Levies

Section VII-15 Tax Levy for Fire Department

It was suggested by Trish Duncan and Laura Hulett:

- 1) Add (10) after the word ten in the third sentence – should read: ...ten (10) mill.*
- 2) Insert the phrase 'for each dollar of assessed valuation' after 2.8 mills in the sixth sentence.*
- 3) Add a comma after the word paramedic in the seventh sentence.*

These are grammatical corrections, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section VII-16 Safety Force Levy

ARTICLE VIII Franchises

Section VIII-1 Grants

Section VIII-2 Renewals

Section VIII-3 Extension

Section VIII-4 Consents

It was proposed for discussion by Cindy Klements and Ralph King that the city notify residents of any utility work being performed on their property, or in close proximity of their property - If not a charter change possibly an ordinance change through council. Law Director John Montello to advise. Discussion and final decision tabled to end of review.

Section VIII-5 Regulations

ARTICLE IX Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals

Section IX-1 Establishment

It was noted that the word Manager in the seventh sentence should read: City Manager. This is a grammatical correction, Law Director John Montello to advise accordingly.

Section IX-2 Powers

Section IX-3 Board of Zoning Appeals

Section IX-4 Powers and Duties

Section IX-5 Decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Section IX-6 Board of Building Standards and Appeals

It was agreed by all to reconvene on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Ellenwood Center.

There being no further business, Helen Briggs requests a motion to adjourn, Laura Hulett motions to adjourn, and Penny Wood seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Gina Pieragostine, Secretary