

NEWBERG CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2005
12:00 P.M. MEETING
CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR CONFERNECE ROOM

MEMBERS:

Council:

Bob Andrews
Mike McBride
Robert Soppe
Bob Stewart (ex-officio)

Staff:

James Bennett, City Manager
Terry Mahr, City Attorney
Norma Alley, Deputy City Recorder

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council:

Bob Andrews
Mike McBride
Robert Soppe

Staff:

James Bennett, City Manager
Terry Mahr, City Attorney
Norma Alley, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Mayor Stewart (ex-officio)

III REVIEW MODEL CHARTER COMPARED WITH NEWBERG CHARTER

Power Point Presentation

A) Model Charter for Newberg.

Terry Mahr presented a power point presentation outlining the revised city charter as proposed and discussion was held on what needed to be discussed further.

Items to be discussed, but not limited to, are as follows:

Section 7: more clearly defining the authority of an initiative and referendum.

Section 8: removing districts or adding Council members to be elected at large.

Section 9: giving mayor voting authority.

Section 9: appointments to committees.

Section 11: using rules vs. guidelines.

Section 12: clearly defining what “the rules” are by giving them the title “council rules”.

Section 28(b): not requiring to declare a vacancy when someone moves out of their district.

Section 28(c): municipal judge defining substantial volunteer work for the city.

Section 30: clearly define someone to continue their term until there is a successor.

Section 32(b)(4): be in uniformed with Section 4 and Section 28(b).

Section 33(e)(4): may need to clarify.

Section 33: delete the language about appointing a pro tem councilor.

Section 35: add “legal attorney’s” before office employees and city manager appoints, supervises, and removes “all City employees”.

Section 42: remove park language.

B) Schedule to complete work.

- January 20, 2006 - file report and recommendation to Council.
- March 6, 2006 - final meeting for Council to take action.
- March 16, 2006 - filing deadline for May Election.
- May 16, 2006 - State Primary Election.

C) Political Action Committee (PAC)

Terry Mahr reported that the necessary filing for the establishment of a PAC must be done with the City Elections Officer.

Chairman Andrews commented that there was already a PAC established for the LID Initiative and that could be a vehicle to inform the citizens concerning the Charter revisions. Terry Mahr mentioned the Secretary of State Election Division had issued an opinion a year ago that they were applying the “election guideline” for any material published by the City at an earlier date than previously applied. As soon as the recommendation is formulated by the Committee to be sent to the Council, those regulations would probably be enforced similar to enforcement during signature gathering on initiative petitions. Therefore, the City could not really rely upon the City Manager or City Attorney giving speeches or public presentations concerning the revision of the Charter once it is an election issue.

IV. NEXT MEETING

Possible dates for the next meeting are September 8, 12, 13, or 14.

Motion: Soppe/McBride to adjourn at 2:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.