

NEWBERG CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 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 CONSENSUS ISSUES (ISSUES THAT COMMITTEE SEEMS TO AGREE UPON AND CAN BE OFFICIALLY ACTED UPON WITH LITTLE DISCUSSION)

1. Liability (Section 50) – repeal.

Terry Mahr suggested to remove this section because the State tort law proceeds, therefore, doesn't have any legal standing.

VOTE: All concur to repeal Section 50 of the City Charter titled Liability For Injury.

2. Canvas of Returns (Section 30) – concur with State law or repeal.

Terry Mahr stated that initiative and referendum procedures all fall under State law and the language in Section 30 would be redundant to leave in.

Chair Andrews suggested to leave the language in the Charter, but have the language be in concurrence with the State Law.

VOTE: All concur to rewrite the section to be consistent with the language in the State law.

3. Rely upon General Grant of Authority, therefore removes specific references to powers under Chapter II Section 4 of present Charter such as:
 1. Property.
 2. Indebtedness.
 3. Public Services.
 4. Bonds.
 5. Police Licensing and Taxing Power.

VOTE: All concur to rely on General Grant of Authority, therefore removing specific references to powers under Chapter II Section 4.

IV. MAJOR ISSUES

1. Districts (continued discussion).
 - a. Continuing with districts.

Councilor Soppe stated he was not in favor of getting rid of districts, but if there is a desire from the majority of the Council, then he suggested having it on the ballot as a separate ballot measure.

Councilor McBride suggested removing districts.

VOTE: McBride in favor/**Soppe** & **Andrews** oppose recommending to Council to eliminate districts.

- b. Continuing requirement to live in districts.

Chair Andrews suggested once a Councilor is elected they stay in that position until the term has expired, even if they move out of district.

Councilor Soppe suggested if a Councilor moves from their district the Council has no longer then 120 days to fill the position.

VOTE: All concur to recommend to Council if a Councilor moves from their district they remain in the position until a replacement is appointed or elected and for no longer than 120 days.

- c. Other issues involving districts.
 - i. Adding members at large.

Chair Andrews asked staff to look into the demographics of adding another Council position and/or splitting District 6 and District 2 into smaller districts.

There will be continued discussion at the next meeting on districts.

2. Public Parks (Section 54) – repeal or change.

No discussion was held on this matter due to time running out.

3. Vote for annexation.

No discussion was held on this matter due to tie running out.

V. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held November 22, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.