

NEWBERG CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 27, 2005
12:00 P.M. MEETING
CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE 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
Mayor Stewart (ex-officio)

Staff:

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

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 22, 2005, CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

VOTE: all concurred to approve the November 22, 2005 Charter Review Subcommittee minutes.

IV MAJOR ISSUES

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

Councilor McBride reported that he had not had a chance to contact Mr. Hatfield due to Mr. Hatfield being out of town until the end of January.

Discussion was held on preserving the provisions that were voted in either through keeping the language in the Charter, amending the language, or repealing it and placing it in the Code.

VOTE: All concurred to recommend removing the language and if there was no public concern then it would be put on the voter's pamphlet with a draft ordinance for language on use of public parks.

2. Council Increases

Discussion was held that Council increase of pay would remain in the Charter, but the specifics of implementation would be in the Council Guidelines.

V. BALLOT MEASURE

Chair Andrews addressed how the committee was going to recommend the proposed changes to the Council.

Councilor Soppe asked for a list of all the recommendations of the subcommittee be presented.

Mayor Stewart recommended placing changes in the Graphic.

Chair Andrews suggested addressing all the service clubs after Council initially reviews it.

VI. ITEMS REFERRED TO COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE

Discussion held on the items referred to the Council Rules Committee, as follows:

- Council Compensation
 - Implementation date
 - Amount
 - Benefits (insurance)
- City Recorder
- Schedule of Council (refer to Section 12 of model charter)
- Procedure for filling vacancies. To include the event of a recall.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be a Special City Council Meeting to be held on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.