

**Charter Review Committee
June 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

I. Attendance

Janet, John, Ron, and Ray were excused from the meeting. All other committee members were present for meeting.

II. Minutes

Minutes from May 25, 2011 meeting were read, amended, and accepted by the committee.

III. Follow up from Last Meeting

Tim Paluf provided handouts of the proposed language changes. Proposed language provided is: §5.05/6.03 changes, two versions one removing full time employees and the other is qualifying language; §4.01 changes; and two versions of §4.03 language one removing full time employee and the other is qualifying language.

Committee reviewed the three sections with proposed language changes:

§4.01 Staggered terms and four years

§5.05/6.03 language change

§4.03 full time employee language for mayor and council

§5.05 Tim put together a question and comments or questions should be emailed for review.

Each amendment will have a question on one sheet and the recommended charter language on another page. The board of elections will do some tinkering with the question.

Committee question – can anything on the ballot be bold or underlined for emphasis? Name can be bold but Tim has never seen capitals, bold or underline to reflect proposed changes.

Dan read each question and proposed amendment language.

§4.03 two proposed versions. Committee reviewed both proposed ballot language provisions. Committee present prefers removal of full time only as the “compensated public office or employee of the municipality is confusing. Committee believes that simple language is better for both council and mayor changes.

Four year terms and staggered – reviewed the question. Committee wants the term staggered to appear in the question due to concern that it might be confusing for voters otherwise.

Can only have one question per ballot issue. Tim will consider how to word the question, it was proposed that add “there by staggering terms” to end the question.

Dan agrees to contact absent members for comment. Pam will scan and email Tim’s handouts to all committee members.
Dan will draft article for Highland Hts Notes and email to committee members.

Running for new position was discussed. Can a person be removed from current position while running? Not an issue at this time since there are no staggered terms. Elected officials run for new positions while holding a position.

IV. Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved:

Dan Dombek, Committee Chair