

CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

APRIL 21, 2005 MINUTES

Chairman, Leo Lombardo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The roll call was taken showing the following members present: Mr. Tom Cannell, Mr. David Corrado, Mr. Dan Dombek, Chairman, Mr. Leo Lombardo, Mrs. Mary Ann Richman, Mrs. Sandy Turner and Mrs. Sharon Daviso, Secretary. Those absent were: Mr. Raymond Caporale, Mr. James Pilla, and Mr. Tom Rudibaugh.

Guests in Attendance: Scott Coleman, Mayor
General Public: None

The minutes of the April 7, 2005 meeting were read and approved. Chairman, Mr. Lombardo, opened the meeting for discussion, starting with Article VI, Sec. 6.01 and continuing through the end of the Charter.

The following Sections had items that were brought up for discussion that will continue at our next meeting:

Section 6.01.01 - Conflict of Interest– see below 6.01.02 Removal

Section 6.01.02 - This section does not state whether the Mayor is able to remove someone for “Conflict of Interest.” The Law Director may be able to answer this, through the Codified Ordinance.

Section 6.02 - The Mayor can ask the Law Director to attend the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, if he deems it necessary.

Section 6.04.01 - Powers and duties of Planning and Zoning Commission and

Section 6.06.01 - Powers and duties of Board of Building and Zoning Appeals

Section 6.05.01 - Classification of Service – Mr. Corrado asked about the full impact or meaning of the last three lines in the 2nd paragraph with reference to “without examination”. This will need to be checked out with the Law Director.

Section 6.07 - Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Committee - The Mayor gave a brief history of this committee and why it was started. The only duty was to create a 5 year capital plan list. (not a want or wish list) All departments were to make 5 year projections so as not to lose sight of department needs, if the heads were to change. The question arose of whether the “committee” should be disbanded since they have no real authority. A suggestion was made to possibly change the duties of it. It was suggested to have a committee member present when this is discussed. (Chm. P & Z, Legislative and Finance, 2 residents, President of Council and the Finance Director)

Section 7.01 - The changing of representatives is effective as of 1/1/06. The Mayor called the Board of Elections and the Law Director is to rule on this. He will communicate as soon as possible.

Section 11.02 - This section is to be discussed in more detail. There is a question of whether the city needs a tax increase. The city has a deficit of several hundred thousand dollars. Council people need to be interviewed about this and the Finance Director should be present.

The City web site can be used to communicate information about this committee's discussions as well as our agenda for the upcoming meeting. Mayor Coleman will have Diana put this information on the web site.

We will begin to revisit sections selected at the first two meetings at the May 5th meeting. A list of the sections to be discussed at the meetings will be distributed.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, and seconded by Mrs. Richman to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman _____
Leo R. Lombardo

Secretary _____
Sharon L. Daviso

c: Mayor, Committee (9), Law Director, Clerk of Council – for Distribution to Council & Department Heads.