

**Charter Review Committee
May 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

I. Attendance

- Committee member Pam Hawkins was not present. Law Director Tim Paluf was not present.

II. Meeting brought to order

- Ed Fowler to capture minutes

III. Input from attending members of Council and Mayor

- Mayor Coleman no changes
- Councilwoman Murphy – 14.04 look at making changes to gender neutral. 14.04 as an example. Defer this item to Tim as a change.
 - Codified ordinances can make this change. Maybe not the right time to do it. It makes sense to do, but would it be the right time. Other cities have done that, but how did they do it.
- Mayor Coleman liked the cookie

IV. Committee Review (continued from last meeting)

- Question about staggered terms for council – it can create a bit of inequity.
 - Employee cannot run for a position concurrently.
 - Discussion around Wards being the same year as the Mayor and at-large being
 - Defer to the Law Director
 - Is there the ability to run for 2 offices during the same election?
 - What do other municipalities doing around safe seats – inequity of the Ward vs At large seats.
- Is there a reason the department heads have different terms? Director of Law is 2nd year, Dir of Finance is every 4th year. Other cities do different things. Committee decided to leave it as is.
- Section 6.5.1-6.5.3
 - Does the charter restrict the mayor in ways that are detrimental to the city? Does it require the mayor to choose from the rank and file of the departments when there may be other talent in other municipalities? What is in the best interest of the city.
 - Defer to Law Director
- 6.4.1 Commission Question around “shall have the power to”. Committee decided no change needed.
- 6.6.1 Question around millage. Committee decided no change needed.

V. Next meeting

- To be scheduled TBD

VI. Meeting brought to closure