

**BASTROP CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 1, 2010**

The Bastrop Charter Review Committee met on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 904 Main Street. Members present were Chairman Ken Kesselus, Debbie Moore, Karen Pinard, Brandi Smith and Reverend R. D. Smith.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

At 6:45 p.m., Chairman Ken Kesselus called the meeting to order. Mr. Kesselus stated Mr. DeLaRosa was absent tonight because he was ill. Traci Chavez, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager called roll.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2009 AND JANUARY 25, 2010.

Karen Pinard moved to approve the Minutes of November 30, 2009. Seconded by Reverend R.D. Smith and carried unanimously. Reverend R.D. Smith moved to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2010. Seconded by Karen Pinard and carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE CHARTER ARTICLE II AND III.

Chairman. Kesselus stated there were a lot of questions at the last meeting in regard to Article III. Chairman Kesselus proposed the Committee review the ones flagged last time for more discussion and that the committee go through items and make a list of what bears more detailed consideration at a future meeting, and if there are three things regarding the item that require farther discussion, he would put them on a list.

Ms. Moore stated she had questions in regard to annexation so Mr. Kesselus suggested she submit here questions to him and then he will give them to the City Manager so he can come prepared next time to answer them. Mr. Kesselus stated this will be posted as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Committee then reviewed and discussed the questions raised at the last meeting in regard to Article II and III. The following items were to be placed on a list for further discussion:

1) Section 3.01(1) - Analysis of Boards and Commissions (Mr. Kesselus stated that it would help if someone would prepare a spread sheet with all the Boards and Commissions and the how each one is set up in regard to overlapping terms, residency requirements, etc.); 2) Section 3.02 – Number of Council Members, Terms, Single Member Districts and whether it would be advisable to find a way that the Mayor would run at a time separate from Council Members so that we would avoid the current situation in which two members of Council have to resign to run for Mayor, but three do not; 3) Section 3.03 – Qualifications; 4) Section 3.05 – Council having more input on hiring of personnel; 5) Section 3.07 – Compensation; 6) Section 3.08 – Mayor as “Chief Executive Officer” of the City; 7) Section 3.10 – City Attorney; and 8) Section 3.15(b) – Creating a process whereby ordinances would be voted at both first and second reading.

Bob Parmelee addressed the Committee and stated his view that the Charter does not address issues such as: 1) the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction; 2) Major spending proposals; and 3) Ethics and Conflict of Interest.

4. DISCUSSION OF PARTICULAR ITEMS UNDER CHARTER ARTICLES II AND III THAT MIGHT BE POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND PUBLIC INPUT.

Chairman Kesselus stated the above listed items would be discussed further and then the Committee will decide which items might be posted for consideration of Charter amendments and public input prior to making a final decision about whether to recommend any amendments accordingly.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES.

It was the consensus of the Committee that City Secretary, Teresa Valdez will poll the Charter Review Committee Members to select a date for the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:41 p.m., it was the consensus of the Committee to adjourn.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ken Kesselus, Chairman

Teresa Valdez, City Secretary