

**BASTROP CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2010**

The Bastrop Charter Review Committee met on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 904 Main Street. Members present were Chairman Ken Kesselus, Debbie Moore, Brandi Smith, Willie DeLaRosa, Karen Pinard, and Jeff Yarbrough.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Ken Kesselus called the meeting to order. City Secretary, Teresa Valdez conducted a silent roll call.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2010

Debbie Moore moved to approve the Minutes of March 29, 2010. Seconded by Willie DeLaRosa. Motion carried 5:0.

FOR MOTION: Debbie Moore, Willie DeLaRosa, Brandi Smith and Jeff Yarbrough.  
ABSTAIN: Karen Pinard.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE CHARTER:

A, ARTICLE III – SECTION 3:02: TERM LIMITS; TERM LENGTHS; MAYOR’S TERM; NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS; AND CREATION OF SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS

Discussion was held among Charter Review Committee Members in regard to the term limits, term lengths, Mayor’s term, number of Council Members and creation of single member districts.

It was the consensus of the Charter Review Committee Members to post for public input the following: 1) Changing the six-year term limits; 2) Changing the Charter to reflect moving away from Council Member two (2) year terms to three (3) or four (4) year terms; 3) Should the total number of Council Members be increased from a total of six (6) members to a total of seven (7) members; 4) Should the Mayor be granted the right to vote on all issues that come before the Council, rather than just to break a tie or in elections; and 5) Should sitting Council Members resign their positions to run for Mayor.

B. ARTICLE III – SECTION 3.07: COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

The Charter Review Commission reviewed a spread sheet prepared by the City Manager which showed Mayor and Council Member Composition and Compensation for 12 cities in the Central Texas area.

Discussion was held among the Committee.

It was the consensus of the Committee to leave this the way it is currently stated in the Charter.

**C. ARTICLE III – SECTION 3.08: LANGUAGE REGARDING “CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY”**

It was the consensus of the Committee to post for public input the following: Delete the following sentence from Article III, Section 3:08: “The Mayor shall be recognized as the chief executive officer of the City.”

**D. ARTICLE IX – SECTION 9.06: LANGUAGE REGARDING WHERE THE ‘RETURNS’ ARE DELIVERED TO**

City Secretary, Teresa Valdez stated she had discussed this with the City Attorney and the language as it currently is stated in the Charter is sufficient and not in conflict with the City contracting with the County Elections Administrator to conduct elections.

**E. ARTICLE XII – SECTION 12.01: CHANGING “CHAIRMAN” TO “CHAIR”**

It was the consensus of the Committee to post for public input the following: Change the wording “chairman” in Article XII, Section 12:02 to “chair”.

**F. ARTICLE XIII – SECTION 13.01: CHANGING “HANDICAP” TO “DISABILITY” AND POSSIBILITY ADDING “SEXUAL ORIENTATION”.**

The Committee reviewed the City Attorney’s response to their question on this matter. It was the consensus of Council to leave this as it is currently written in the Charter.

**G. ARTICLE XIV – SHOULD THIS BE ELIMINATED FROM CHARTER?**

The Committee reviewed the City Attorney’s response to their question on this matter. It was the consensus of Council to leave this as it is currently written in the Charter.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEMS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT.**

It was the consensus that the City Secretary poll the Committee Members and that the City Manager contact the City Attorney in regard to the date for the Public Hearing on the items suggested by the Committee. The date that was best for most of the Committee members was May 13, 2010.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE MEETING DATE.**

It was the consensus of the Committee that a meeting would be posted on the same date as the Public Hearing, so that if there is sufficient time, after the public hearing, the Committee will meet and draft their recommendations to the City Council for Charter Amendments.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:55 p.m., Debbie Moore moved to adjourn. Seconded by Karen Pinard and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ken Kesselus, Chairman

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary