

Members Present: Jim Corso, Richard Brady, Naomi Twine, Lovey Leavell, Jim Recker, Sharon Johnson, Steve Poggiali, Lance Warner, Stuart Abrams, Dennis Timple, Wendy Dempsey, Darwitt Garrett, Wesley Poole and Herman Robinson.

Kelly Kresser welcomed everyone to the meeting and each of the members introduced themselves.

Dan Kaman welcomed and thanked the members of the Charter Review Committee and said this is an important job to come to resolution(s) about what issues should be put on the ballot.

Don Icsman said copies of the Charter were already distributed and this is an organizational meeting to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman to conduct the meetings. He gave a brief history of the past two Charter Review Committees: in 2005, the committee held six meetings; in 2000, the committee held seven meetings. In order for proposed changes to make the November ballot, the deadline is 60 days from the day of the election, or by August 23; changes must be prepared by this date in order to avoid a special election.

Don Icsman said the Committee members should also discuss public participation at the meetings and the importance for the members of the Charter Review Committee to facilitate the discussions. He said he will be available for legal questions and other Department Heads will make themselves available for discussions pertaining to their departments, as requested.

Upon motion of Sharon Johnson and second of Steve Poggiali, the members nominated Lance Warner to be Chairperson of the Charter Review Committee. All Ayes. The motion was declared passed.

Upon motion of Lance Warner and second of Sharon Johnson, the members nominated Steve Poggiali to be Vice-Chairperson of the Charter Review Committee. All Ayes. The motion was declared passed.

Lance Warner said there are 18 weeks between today and the deadline for the ballot and suggested meeting every other week. As it gets closer to the deadline, meetings can take place more frequently and/or as necessary. There was discussion about the frequency and duration of the meetings. It was decided **the Charter Review meetings will take place every other week beginning Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** and will try to be held to one hour. Lance Warner and Kelly Kresser will work to put Agendas together for future meetings.

Lance Warner suggested beginning with an overview from an expert to speak to different forms of government for the City of Sandusky. He said consideration should be given as to whether the city is using the City Manager form of government in the best way.

Wesley Poole said he has put together a form outlining each numbered section of the Charter that could be used by the members to determine their thoughts as to whether each particular section should be discussed, or not, so that Agendas and plans can be made for future meetings.

Lance Warner asked if everyone agreed to look at forms of government as a place to start at the first meeting. He said he will have someone here to speak at the next meeting.

Darwitt Garrett suggested allowing public input at either at the end of each meeting or the beginning of each meeting and setting a time limit. He thought the public should be able to speak to issues prior to any votes taking place. Jim Recker and it would be nice to announce future meetings to the press and invite the public when we have something specific to talk about. Don Icsman said these are all public meetings, but there is no law about public participation and that the Committee members should decide how to manage this. **Upon motion of Dennis Timple and second of Wesley Poole, the members voted**

to open the beginning of each Charter Review Committee meeting for public participation, limit this portion to two minutes and allow input items on the Agendas only. All Ayes. The motion was declared passed.

Lance Warner said he and Kelly Kresser will get together to prepare an Agenda for the next meeting and will try to bring someone in to talk about forms of government, perhaps from Cleveland State University.

Upon motion of Darwitt Garrett and second of Steve Poggiali, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. All Ayes. The motion was declared passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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Date

Kelly L. Kresser, Clerk of the City Commission

Approved:

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Date

Lance Warner, Chairman