



MINUTES OF THE MEADOWS PLACE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M., VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Ben Weber, Chair	Ken Smith, Vice Chair
Stuart Barrowman, Commissioner	Joe DeBruyn, Commissioner
Chris Gawlik, Commissioner	Tristan Ibarra, Commissioner
David Lantz Commissioner	Matt Oltremari, Commissioner
Richard Ramirez, Commissioner	Nadya Shelton, Commissioner
Sammy Skemp, Commissioner	Joseph Weymon, Alternate

Commissioners, Jimmy Fenwick, Anita Milne, and Alison Young were not present.

Grady Randle, City Attorney, Carl Allred, City Attorney, Nick Haby, City Administrator; and Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary were also present.

2. Consider approval of the minutes for the meeting held on and January 13, 2021.

Commissioner Barrowman moved to approve the minutes for the meetings held on January 13, 2021 as amended showing Commissioner Shelton was not present. Commissioner DeBruyn seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

3. Discussion and consideration regarding the decision to continue creating a Home Rule Charter for the City of Meadows of Place.

No action.

4. Discussion and consideration of a communications plan regarding the creation of a Home Rule Charter.

There was brief discussion among the commission, legal counsel, and staff regarding communication to the public regarding the Charter Commission's process.

Mr. Randle informed that Commission that law prohibits spending tax dollars for public advertising. He stated "You can educate. You cannot advocate.

There was discussion regarding the posting of meeting minutes, newsletter articles, social media posts, and a link on the City website. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Oltremari had to leave at 6:55 p.m. but will return.

Commissioner Shelton had to leave at 7:00 p.m. but will return.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter survey questions 17 – 31.

City Attorney, Grady Randle, continued to review the Charter Survey questions with the Commission to start creating a Home Rule Charter for the City of Meadows Place. There was brief discussion among the Commission, legal counsel, and staff on each of the following questions.

COUNCIL

Question 17 – Total on Council?

Commissioner Skemp made a motion for six (6) total members on Council. Commissioner DeBruyn seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Ramirez, Skemp, and Weymon

Nays: Commissioners Barrowman, Lantz, Smith, and Weber

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, Oltremari, Shelton, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 18 – Number of members for a regular meeting quorum?

Commissioner Gawlik made a motion that it take four (4) members for a regular meeting quorum. Commissioner Barrowman seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Ramirez, Skemp, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, Oltremari, Shelton, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 19 – Number of members for a special meeting quorum?

Commissioner Weber made a motion that it take four (4) members for a special meeting quorum. Commissioner Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Ramirez, Skemp, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, Oltremari, Shelton, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Shelton returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Question 20 – Number of votes for council to take action on ordinary matters?

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion that it take the majority of the total council (four (4) members) to take action on ordinary matters. Commissioner DeBruyn seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: Commissioner Lantz

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, Oltremari, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Oltremari returned to the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Questions 21 and 22 were discussed together.

Question 21 – Residency length requirement?

Question 22 – Length of residency?

Commissioner Lantz made a motion that the applicant must be a resident of the city for one (1) year from the date of the application for place on ballot. Commissioner Skemp seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 23 – Resides in district?

Commissioner Weber made a motion for no districts. Commissioner Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 24 – Owner of property?

City Attorney, Mr. Randle, stated this it is not legal to require ownership of property, therefore no action was taken.

Question 25 – Minimum age?

Commissioner Skemp made a motion to default to state law regarding age requirements. Commissioner Weymon seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, and Young were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 26 – Registered/Qualified Voter?

Commissioner Skemp made a motion that applicants must be a registered voter. Commissioner Lantz seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, and Young were not present.

The motion passed

Question 27 – Barred if tax delinquent?

Commissioner Lantz made a motion not to bar an applicant if they are tax delinquent. Commissioner Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Shelton, Smith, Weber, and Weymon

Nays: None

Commissioners Fenwick, Milne, and Young were not present.

The motion passed

Question 28 – Other qualification?

No action on Question 28.

Question 29 – Missed meetings vacancy?

No action. Due to time, the Commission agreed to review this question at the next meeting.

Question 30 – Council votes to impeach?

No action on Question 30.

Question 31 – Council votes to override mayoral veto?

No action on Question 31.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the initial organization of this Charter Commission and form of government.

No action was taken.

7. Set next meeting date.

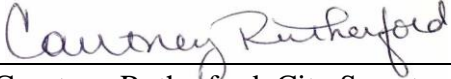
The Commission agreed to meet on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. City Attorney, Mr. Randle assigned questions 32 through 51 for review before the next meeting.

8. Adjourn

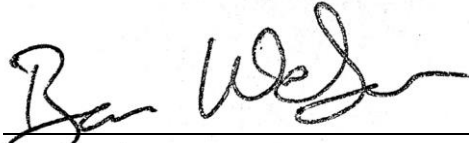
There be no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Commission on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Ben Weber, Chairman