



MINUTES OF THE MEADOWS PLACE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 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:

Ken Smith, Vice Chair

Joe DeBruyn, Commissioner

Chris Gawlik, Commissioner

David Lantz Commissioner

Matt Oltremari, Commissioner

Nadya Shelton, Commissioner

Alison Young, Commissioner

Stuart Barrowman, Commissioner

Jimmy Fenwick, Commissioner

Tristan Ibarra, Commissioner

Anita Milne, Commissioner

Richard Ramirez, Commissioner

Sammy Skemp, Commissioner

Joseph Weymon, Alternate

Commissioners, Ben Weber, and Steve Bezner 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 27, 2021.

Commissioner Oltremari moved to approve the minutes for the meetings held on January 27, 2021 as amended, showing Commissioner Milne was not present. Commissioner DeBruyn seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Bezner and Weber 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 taken on this item.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter survey question #29, Missed Council meetings vacancy.

There was brief discussion among the commission, legal counsel, and staff regarding missed meeting, excused and unexcused absences.

Mr. Randle informed that Commission that state law states after three (3) consecutive absences from regular meetings Council may declare the seat vacant, vote the member off Council and an appoint a replacement.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that three (3) consecutive absences from regular meetings may trigger the ability for City Council declare a vacancy. Commissioner DeBruyn seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: Commissioner Shelton

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter survey questions 32 – 51.

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.

Elections

32. In some cities, a federal court or the U.S. Department of Justice has mandated a new way of electing city council members, BUT the charter has not been changed to reflect this new method. If your city council is NOT elected the way your charter currently reads, please check here _____.

No action was taken on this item.

33. Uniform election date to hold regular city election a) May b) November c) Other

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to hold regular city elections in May. Commissioner Barrowman seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

34. Filling one vacancy a) Appointment b) Election c) Either

Commissioner Smith made a motion that a vacancy must be filled by appointment within 60 days and then the position is to be filled by election at the next general election. Commissioner Oltremari seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

35. Filling two vacancies a) Appointment b) Election c) Either

State laws require an election to fill two (2) vacancies, therefore the Commissioner took no action on this item.

36. Term limit applies a) council and mayor b) Separately c) n/a

Commissioner Skemp made a motion for no term limits. Commissioner Weymon seconded the motion.

After brief discussion Commissioner Skemp withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Shelton made a motion to table this item until the next Charter meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

37. Terms staggered a) Yes b) No c) n/a

Commissioner DeBruyn made a motion for staggered terms. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

Commissioner Fenwick made a motion for equal number of positions for per election. Commissioner DeBruyn seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: None

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

38. Elections by a) Majority b) Plurality

Commissioner Young made a motion for elections by plurality. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Fenwick, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: Commissioners Barrowman, Gawlik, Lants

Commissioners Bezner and Weber were not present.

The motion passed

39. Name on ballot a) Fill out form b) Petition c) Other

Per Election Code applicants must complete an Application for Place on Ballot, therefore the Commission took no action on this item.

40. If petition, number of names _____

This item is covered under the Election Code; therefore, the Commission took no action on this item.

41. Fee for name on ballot a) Yes \$ _____ b) No

This item is covered under the Election Code; therefore, the Commission took no action on this item.

Election Turnout

The Commission agreed that turn out should be based on number of registered voters. No action was taken on questions 42 through 51.

42. Date of most recent mayor/city council election _____ (MM/DD/YY)

43. Contested? a) Yes b) No

44. If yes, number voting in election _____

45. Total registered at time of election _____

46. Population at time of election _____

47. Date of next most recent mayor/city council election _____ (MM/DD/YY)

48. Contested? a) Yes b) No

49. If yes, number voting in election _____

50. Total registered at time of election _____

51. Population at time of election _____

6. Set next meeting date.

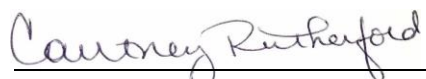
The Commission agreed to meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

7. Adjourn

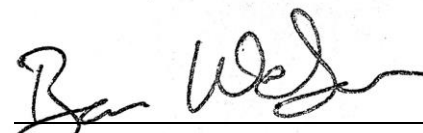
There be no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Commission on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Ben Weber, Chairman

