



**MINUTES OF THE MEADOWS PLACE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 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 6:32 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Ben Weber, Chairman	Ken Smith, Vice Chair
Stuart Barrowman, Commissioner	Steve Bezner, Commissioner
Joe DeBruyn, Commissioner	Jimmy Fenwick, Commissioner
Chris Gawlik, Commissioner	Tristan Ibarra, Commissioner
David Lantz Commissioner	Anita Milne, Commissioner
Matt Oltremari, Commissioner	Richard Ramirez, Commissioner
Nadya Shelton, Commissioner	Alison Young, Commissioner
Joseph Weymon, Alternate	

Commissioner, Sammy Skemp, was 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 February 10, 2021.**

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes for the meetings held on February 10, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Skemp was 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.**

Commissioner Barrowman moved to continue creating a Home Rule Charter for the City of Meadows of Place. Commissioner Oltremari seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Skemp was not present.

The motion passed.

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter Survey question #36, Term limit applies a) council and mayor b) Separately c) n/a, tabled at the last meeting.**

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

Commissioner Fenwick made a motion for no term limits for Mayor and Council. Commissioner Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Skemp was not present.

The motion passed.

**5. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter survey questions 52 – 74.**

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 Meetings**

*The Commission discussed questions 52 and 53 together.*

**52. Required a) Weekly b) Twice/mo c) Once/mo d) Not specific**

**53. Actual a) Weekly b) Twice/mo c) Once/mo d) Not specific**

Commissioner Fenwick made a motion requiring Council meetings at least once a month. Commissioner Oltremari seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Skemp was not present.

The motion passed.

*The Commission discussed questions 54 and 55 together.*

**54. Mayor Term a) 1 yr b) 2 yrs c) 3 yrs d) 4 yrs**

**55. Council Term a) 1 yr b) 2 yrs c) 3 yrs d) 4 yrs**

Commissioner Milne made a motion for 2 year terms for Mayor and Council. Commissioner Weymon seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ramirez, Shelton, Young, and Weymon,

Nays: Commissioners Ibarra, Lantz, Oltremari, Smith and Weber

Commissioner Skemp was not present.

The motion passed.

**56. Term limits a) Two b) Three c) Four d) Four+ e) n/a**

**The Commission took no action on this question and referred to their vote on survey question #36.**

*The Commission discussed questions 57 through 74 regarding Mayor and Council salaries and expenses together.*

**Mayor Salary**

**57. Salary a) Yes b) No**

**58. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per: a) Mtg b) Wk c) Mo d) Yr e) Other**

**59. Salary set by Council a) Yes b) No**

**60. Expenses: a) Yes b) No**

**61. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per: a) Mtg b) Wk c) Mo d) Yr e) Other**

**62. Expenses set by council a) Yes b) No**

**Mayor Pro Tem Salary**

**63. Salary a) Yes b) No**

**64. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per: a) Mtg b) Wk c) Mo d) Yr e) Other**

**65. Salary set by Council a) Yes b) No**

**66. Expenses a) Yes b) No**

**67. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per: a) Mtg b) Wk c) Mo d) Yr e) Other**

**68. Expenses set by council a) Yes b) No**

**Council Salary**

**69. Salary a) Yes b) No**

**70. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per: a) Mtg b) Wk c) Mo d) Yr e) Other**

**71. Salary set by Council a) Yes b) No**

**72. Expenses a) Yes b) No**

**73. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per: a) Mtg b) Wk c) Mo d) Yr e) Other**

**74. Expenses set by council a) Yes b) No**

Commissioner Young made a motion for a \$500 a month salary for the Mayor and a \$300 a month salary for the Council members and grandfathering the current salary for the current Mayor and Council. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

There was discussion among the Commission, Legal Counsel, and staff regarding salaries of the Mayor and Council. There was discussion regarding when new salaries would go into effect.

Commission Young withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Fenwick made a motion that Council set salaries via an ordinance with a record vote by Council and the new rate being effective in the fiscal year after the City general election.

There was more discussion regarding the salary rates and when new rates would be effective. The Commission agreed to let legal counsel draft the Charter to this point with language regarding Mayor and Council per the discussion.

Commissioner Fenwick withdrew his motion.

**6. Set next meeting date.**

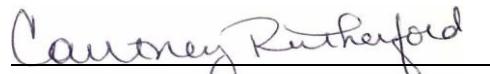
The Commission agreed to meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

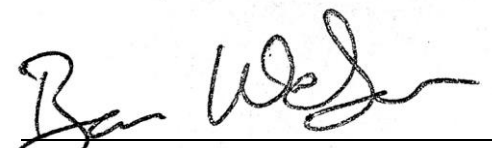
**7. Adjourn**

There be no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary

  
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Ben Weber, Chairman

