

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Charter Review Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the Conference Room at the Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Will Brooks  
Bill Yenne  
Brad Whitehead  
Jesse Glatz  
Ariel Lara

Mayor Gerald Roznovsky  
Modesto Mundo, City Manager

Council Liaison Rhonda Seth

APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2021 MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Yenne second by Ms. Lara with all present members voting “aye”, the July 14, 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON ARTICLES 1 & 2

Will Brooks mentioned Article 1 – Sec. 1.02 – The Boundaries. Mr. Brooks wanted the metes and bounds to be easy for the citizens to understand. Mr. Yenne and Mr. Glatz were able to offer insight on the terminology and what it meant. Mr. Yenne mentioned the annexations and a map that is kept in Engineering.

There was discussion regarding annexation.

Mr. Mundo stated he and Sherri Russell would investigate any publication changes needed for the budget.

Mr. Yenne suggested asking Sherri Russell if the official newspaper needed to be modernized to include websites as well. Mr. Glatz stated he remembers seeing it included somewhere. After discussing further, it was determined that in 2017, Proposition I spoke on this change. It did not make codification.

There was discussion regarding the consistency of the term Council members vs. Councilman. The term needs to be consistent throughout the charter.

Mr. Mundo brought up Sec. 2.01 - General regarding the purchase of property. Mr. Brooks asked if the changes that had been recognized needed to be added. Mr. Yenne stated this will all need to be taken up with Sherri Russell in referencing annexations.

Mr. Whitehead asked why the mention of being sued is in the Charter. Does it have to be?

Sec. 2.02 – General Powers Adoptive

The editor's note was mentioned as being confusing. There were no suggested changes to this section.

Mr. Mundo asked Mr. Yenne if he has ever seen a charter rewritten to make it simpler to understand? Mr. Yenne said many other Charter's look like ours.

Sec. 2.03 - Eminent Domain

No changes were suggested for this section. This is regulated by State Law.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS WITH MAYOR GERALD ROZNOVSKY

Mayor Roznovsky stated he would like to look at the Elections. The challenge we are having is going into a runoff. Mayor Roznovsky wanted to investigate a way to avoid runoffs. Runoffs tend to drag out an election. Mr. Yenne stated the plurality vote is an option.

There was discussion about voter confusion with runoffs.

Mayor Roznovsky would like to do away with the candidates having to sit out at the polls. This is a choice of the candidate. Mayor Roznovsky stated most people have their mind made up when they get to the polls and use different entrances to avoid having to talk to candidates. Not all cities have candidates at the polls. The limitation of signs is also something to consider.

AFFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AND DRAFT AGENDA

August 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. – Articles 3 & 4

COMMISSION ITEMS

Sherry Russell will be added to every other agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 2021.

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Will Brooks, Chairman

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Ariel Lara, Secretary