

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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance.

Will Brooks	City Attorney Sherri Russell
Lisa Pauls	City Finance Director James Bryson
Amy Tasto	
Mark Swirsky	
Bill Yenne	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Swirsky, seconded by Ms. Tasto with all present members voting “aye,” the September 26, 2023, minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS WITH CITY ATTORNEY SHERRI RUSSELL

Mr. Brooks reviewed the discussion at the September 26th meeting regarding the comments from City Attorney Russell, who was unable to attend that meeting. He explained the action taken at that meeting on her input on Article 7, and this action is reflected in the minutes from the September 26th meeting.

City Attorney Sherri Russell commented briefly on these items in Sec. 7.03, 7.07 and 7.09. As the minutes reflect, the commission took action on Sec. 7.03 and Sec. 7.07.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE TABLED SECTIONS (9.17, 9.24, 9.25, 9.26)

After discussion on these sections, the commission decided not to make a change to any of them. Instead, the commission recommends that the City Manager put a procedure in place to ensure the city complies with the language in these sections.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS ARTICLES 10-11 AND ANY ADDITIONAL CLEANUP ITEMS

Sec. 10.01 – Sec. 10.11 - No changes

Mr. Yenne did offer some background on Sec. 10.02 and how the city works with public utilities. He mentioned that the Legislature has taken a lot of power away from the cities over the years to negotiate with the utilities.

Sec. 11.01 – Sec. 11.15 – No changes

AFFIRM THE NEXT MEETING DATE AND DRAFT THE AGENDA

- October 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
- Review the overall charter.
- Review amendments to propose to Council.

COMMISSION ITEMS

No additional discussion

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on the _____ day of October 2023.

Lisa Pauls, Secretary

Will Brooks, Chair