

***** NOTICE OF MEETING *****

Date of meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024

Time of meeting: 6:00 pm

Notice posted : Friday, September 6, 2024

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY
HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, September 9, 2024 6:00 pm
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
620 BENTON ROAD, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA 71111**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 26, 2024 meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider action to rescind votes previously taken on May 21, 2024 and June 10, 2024 on the following Edits:

17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 52, 53, 54, 62, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 86, 87, 88, 90, 94, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 108, 110, 112, 113, 114, 116, 115, 117, 118, and 119.

There will be no action to rescind the vote taken on June 10, 2024 as provided in Edits 6, 7, 8, 9, and 37 relative to Chapters 3 & 4 Version "C" pertaining to proposed term limits for the city council and Mayor. Any action is deferred as related issues are pending and awaiting ruling by the 26th Judicial District Court in the matter of Cassie Mae Rogers v. City of Bossier City; Docket No. C-173849; 26th Judicial District Court; Bossier Parish, Louisiana; State of Louisiana.

2. Consider action on proposed changes to the Bossier City Charter (excluding Chapter 5.01 and Chapters 3 & 4 relative to the issue of Term Limits for the City Council and Mayor).
3. Consider action on proposed changes to Charter Chapter in 5.01 Initiative and Referendum as outlined in proposed Edits 59, 60, and 61.
4. Consider future meeting schedule.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Livestream provided at <https://www.youtube.com/@BossierCityCharterCommission>

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
OF BOSSIER CITY LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF
August 26, 2024**

The Charter Commission of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, had a meeting in the Bossier Council Chambers, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, on August 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Also present were ex officio non-voting members: Assistant City Attorney Richard Ray and Chief Administrative Officer, Amanda Nottingham.

Invocation was given by Mr. Jeter.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Whitman

By: Mrs. Parks. **Nominate Mrs. Whitman for Chairman Pro-Tem for this meeting.**

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A Jeter, Sr

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Agenda Item called: Approve Agenda

By: Mrs. Wilhite **Motion to approve agenda as amended.**

Second by Mr. Jeter

Motion to amend agenda: Mr. Jeter

Second by: Mrs. Wilhite

Postpone item 4.1 a. – j.; 4.2 a. – q and item 5 to facilitate a workshop meeting with newly elected charter commission members.

Vote in favor of motion to amend agenda is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A Jeter, Sr

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Various comments from Mr. Crockett. Various comments from Cassie Rogers.

By: Mrs. Wilhite **Motion to approve agenda as amended.**

Second by Mr. Jeter

Vote in favor of motion to approve amended agenda is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A Jeter, Sr

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Mrs. Boyer made various comments. Mr. Crockett made various comments.

By: Mr. Jeter **Motion to approve minutes from July 29, 2024 minutes.**

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion to approve minutes for the July 29, 2024 is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A Jeter, Sr

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

VI. New Business

By: Mrs. Morehart **Re-establish Rules of decorum.**
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion to approve is unanimous.

Read by Mrs. Morehart:

Rules of Decorum for the Public

1. Any Person desiring to address the Commission shall first receive the permission of the Meeting Chair and will be limited to the current agenda item up for consideration. The Speaker must step up to the podium microphone and state their name and address for the record. Each Speaker will be given three (3) minutes to speak during the public comment period. A maximum of forty-five minutes will be set aside for addressing the charter commission per agenda item and no more than four(4) speakers per agenda item minimizing repetitive arguments.
2. Each speaker will direct his or her comments to the chairperson of the Bossier City Charter Commission and not to any individual member or other individual present unless a question is directed to him or her by a member of the commission. No person, other than the Commission or at Commission request, City Attorney, and the person having the floor shall address the Commission without the permission of the Chairman. No question shall be asked a Commission member except through the Meeting Chair. Individuals cannot grant their three minutes to another speaker.
3. Each speaker will refrain from personal attacks, foul or abusive language and will maintain a civil and courteous manner and tone.
4. Members of the audience will respect the rights of others and will not create noise or other disturbances that will disrupt or disturb the meeting. Individuals violating any rules of the decorum may be ruled out of order by the Chairman. An individual violating the rules of decorum may be removed from the meeting at the direction of the Chairman.
5. Prohibit any person or persons willfully disrupting the meeting to the extent that the disorderly conduct is seriously compromising the meeting.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A Jeter, Sr

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Moncrief.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to approve** Accept resignations of Shane Cheatham and David Johnson
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr.

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Various comments from the Mr. Crockett. He requested Mr. Ray's opinion

Mr. Ray stated two resignations previously and two additional and it is appropriate to accept the resignations. Resumes or bios were emailed to the commissioners. Mrs. Whitman noted it is the responsibility of the Bossier City Charter Commission to replace the members.

Various comments from Mr. Moncrief. Various comments from Mrs. Johnston surrounding how to be considered. Mrs. Whitman indicated at the end of the last meeting we asked for anyone interested should let us know. Various comments from Mrs. Rogers.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to elect New Member Nominations and approvals**
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Mrs. Whitman stated we would consider the new commissioner appointments.

Mrs. Morehart outlined the process. We have received five people who would like to be on the Bossier City Charter Commission. Each existing commission member will cast four votes on the written ballots. The top four will become the new commissioners. Mr. Ray and Mrs. Nottingham will count the ballots.

Mr. Paul Peek, Sr., District 2

Mrs. Lisa Smith, District 3

Mr. Jeff Lee, District 4

Mrs. Debbie Martin, District 5

Mr. Mike Lombardino, District 1

Each candidate present addressed the commission.

Mrs. Morehart stated the two requirements for a charter commission member is a Bossier City resident and a registered voter.

Mr. Ray announced the voting results – Mr. Lombardino 4 votes, Mr. Peek 5 votes, Mrs. Smith 3 votes, Mr. Lee 5 votes, Mrs. Martin 3 votes. Based on the tie, the commissioners voted again between Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Martin. Mr. Ray announced the voting results – Mrs. Smith 2 votes, Mrs. Martin 3 votes.

Mr. Ray provided notebooks for the new commission members.

Mrs. Whitman welcomed the new members and expressed appreciate their service.

Motion to elect Chairman

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion for Vicky Whitman for Chair.**

Second by: Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Jeff Lee, Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin

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Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Peeks

Abstain: none

Various comments from the Mrs. Rogers.

Motion to elect Vice Chairman

By: Mrs. Whitman **Motion for Juliana Parks for Vice Chair.**

Second by: Mrs. Morehart

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Jeff Lee, Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin

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Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Peeks

Abstain: none

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to set Workshop September 5 at 9:00 am in Civic Center and meeting on September 9 at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers.**

Second by: Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Jeff Lee, Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Peeks

Abstain: none

Mr. Moncrief made various comments.

Mrs. Morehart thanked all the commissioners. Mrs. Whitman thanked everyone and all who came out.

By: Mrs. Parks **Motion to adjourn**

Second by Mrs. Morehart

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Jeff Lee, Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Peeks

Abstain: none

Adjournment – 8:39 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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