

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

Date of meeting: Monday, September 16, 2024

Time of meeting: 6:00 pm

Notice posted : Friday, September 13, 2024

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY
HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, September 16, 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 September 11, 2024 meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider action on revised Bossier City Charter for submission to the Bossier City Council.

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
September 11, 2024**

The Charter Commission of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, had a meeting September 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent: Paul Peek, Sr.

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. Wilhite.

Agenda Item called: Approve Agenda

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to approve agenda.**
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion to amend agenda is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none
Absent: Paul Peek, Sr.
Abstain: none

By: Mrs. Parks **Motion to approve minutes from September 11, 2024 minutes.**
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion to approve minutes for the August 26, 2024 is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Paul Peek, Sr.

Abstain: none

VI. New Business

Agenda item VI. 1.

By: Mr. Jeter. Motion to amend something previously adopted on Term Limits Chapter 3 and 4 (Version C) relative to term limits the City Council and Mayor. Replace with:

Members of the City Council and Mayor shall be eligible for re-election except that no person who has been elected to serve as a member of the City Council for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to the City Council or Mayor for the succeeding term. (Version F)

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion to approve is unanimous.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Paul Peek, Sr.

Abstain: none

Various comments from public.

Mr. Jeter stated he believed that the citizens of Bossier City want term limits, but the issue of retroactivity is not clear. The issue of retroactivity will be resolved by the courts. He believes it is best for the city to include term limits without retroactivity. All 33,000 registered voters of Bossier City will have the opportunity to vote on term limits. Mr. Jeter calls for citizens to vote.

Mr. Lombardino supported Mr. Jeter. He stated he is for term limits but not retroactivity due to the revenge and motive of it.

Various comments from commissioners and Mr. Ray.

By: Mrs. Morehart. **Call for Questions**

Second by Mrs. Parks

Vote in favor of motion to approve is unanimous.

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

Nays: none
Absent: Paul Peek, Sr.
Abstain: none

Mrs. Parks stated she agreed with Mr. Jeter. She believes the purpose of the commission is to come together and develop a version we can agree on for the charter. This version is exactly what the state has and is a good option that has been debated and tested. Mrs. Parks indicated she has spoken with people who signed the petition that did not remember they signed one with retroactivity. The election will allow the voters to decide.

Agenda item VI. 2.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to Review the revised version of September 10, 2024 and additional edit on Term limits for accuracy before we submit to ensure it reflects the actions of the committee before submission to the Bossier City Council. This would require an additional meeting.**

Second by Mr. Jeter

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: Paul Peek, Sr.
Abstain: none

Mr. Ray stated the September 10, 2024 is the latest version with all edits except for term limits.
Mr. Jeter commented the issue with the petition lawsuit is not something this commission can control.

Various comments from public.

By: Mrs. Morehart. **Call for Questions**
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion to approve is unanimous.

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

Nays: none
Absent: Paul Peek, Sr.
Abstain: none

Agenda item VI. 3

By: Mrs. Morehart Motion to set next meeting on Monday, September 16 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

Various comments from the public.

By: Mrs. Wilhite Motion to adjourn

Second by Mr. Jeter

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 – 8:44 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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