

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

Date of meeting: October 4, 2024

Time of meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Notice posted: October 3, 2024

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY
HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA
OCTOBER 4, 2024
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 16, 2024 meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of a Chairman Pro Tem to preside over the meeting.
2. Consider action to accept the resignations of commissioners Shane Cheatham and David Johnson.
3. Consider action to appoint Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin, Jeff Lee and Paul Peek, Sr. to fill the four vacancies in the commission created by the resignations of Shane Cheatham, David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr., and Panderina Soumas.

4. Consider action to rescind the action taken in the prior meetings and agenda items as follows:

Meeting of August 26, 2024:

- VI. (2) *(Acceptance of the resignations of Shane Cheatham and David Johnson as well as the action on new member nominations and approvals)*
- VI. (3) *(Action to elect a Chair and Vice Chair)*

Meeting of September 9, 2024:

- VI. (1) *(Action on certain proposed charter revisions taken in the meeting of May 21, 2024, and June 10, 2024)*
- VI. (2) *(Action on the proposed changes to the Bossier City Charter excluding Chapter 5.01 and Chapters 3 & 4 relative to Term Limits for the City Council and Mayor)*
- VI. (3) *(Action on the proposed changes to Charter Chapter in 5.01)*

Meeting of September 11, 2024:

- VI. (1) *(Action on proposed charter revisions Chapters 3 & 4 relative to Term Limits for the City Council and Mayor)*
- VI. (2) *(Action on the proposed changes to the Bossier City Charter and submission of proposed changes to the Bossier City Council)*

Meeting of September 16, 2024:

- VI. (1) *(Action on the proposed changes to the Bossier City Charter and submission of proposed changes to the Bossier City Council as three separate ballot items)*

5. Consider action to amend something previously adopted regarding proposed changes to the Bossier City Charter and for submission to the Bossier City Council and then to be presented to the voters as separate ballot items:

1. **Ballot item #1:** An updated Charter which includes the edit changes proposed by the Charter Review Commission (*excluding the proposed edits to Chapter 3, Sections 3.01(b) and Chapter 4, Section 4.01*); and
2. **Ballot item #2:** A proposed Charter amendment that would establish term limits for the office of City Council in Chapter 3, Section 3.01(b) and for the office of Mayor in Chapter 4, Section 4.01 as follows:

“3.01(b) Members of the City Council 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 for the succeeding term.

4.01 No person who has been elected to serve as the Mayor 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 Mayor for the succeeding term.”

VI. 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 16, 2024**

The Charter Commission of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, had a meeting September 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent: Vicky Whitman, 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 Mrs. Morehart.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Vicky Whitman, Paul Peek, Sr.
Abstain: none

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

Vote in favor of motion to approve minutes for the September 16, 2024 is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Vicky Whitman, Paul Peek, Sr.

Abstain: none

VI. New Business

Agenda item VI. 1.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Adopt submission to the Bossier City Council (details below)**

Second by Mr. Lombardino

Move to adopt for submission to the Bossier City Council the Bossier City Charter changes to be served up to the voters in three separate voting options:

1. The updated Bossier City Charter with the edits/changes as adopted by the Bossier City Charter Commission, excluding Chapters 3 section 3.01(a) (2), 3.01(b), 3.01 (d) and 3.02(b) and Chapter 4 section 4.01.
2. At Large Council Member Division A and B (edits 9, 11,12), **Chapter 3.01(a) (2), 3.01 (d), 3.02 (b)**

3.01(a)(2). *Two (2) members shall be elected at large shall be designated as Council-member-at-Large, Division A and Councilmember-at-Large Division B.*

3.01(d). *The two (2) members of the City Council elected at-large, at the time for qualifying for office, shall reside within the incorporated boundaries of the City and shall designate the one division of the two Council at-Large divisions for which they will be a candidate. The five (5) City Council members elected by districts shall, at the time set for qualifying for office, reside within the district from which elected. City Council members shall continue to actually reside in the City, and where applicable, in their respective districts during the term of office*

3.02 (b). *Two (2) City Council at-large districts shall consist of the boundaries of the City. One at-large district shall be designated as "At-Large District A" and one shall be designated as "At-Large District B".*

3. Term Limits (edits 10, 42, 42.5) **Chapter 3.01(b) and Chapter 4.01** as adopted shall be served up to the voters.

3.01(b). *Members of the City Council 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 for the succeeding term.

4.01. No person who has been elected to serve as the Mayor 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 Mayor for the succeeding term.

We request the three ballot items be served up to the voters in the next available election.

Vote in favor of motion with a vote of 6 - Yeas and 1- Nay.

Yeas: Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite, Jeff Lee, Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin

Nays: Lee A. Jeter, Sr.

Absent: Vicky Whitman, Paul Peek, Sr.

Abstain: none

Various comments from public.

Mrs. Morehart explained this motion allows us to move forward to the Bossier City Council three ballot items to be presented to the voters – Bossier City Charter changes excluding the two more controversial changes the Division A and B At-Large Council election and the Term limits for 3 - four-year terms and sit out one four year term and run again which is what the state and school board operate under.

Various comments from commissioners and Mr. Ray.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to adjourn #1**

Second by Mrs. Parks

Vote in favor of motion 4 – Yeas and 2 – Nays, 1 abstain

Yeas: Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Jeff Lee, Debbie Martin

Nays: Lisa Wilhite, Mike Lombardino

Abstain: Lee A. Jeter, Sr.

Various comments from commissioners.

Mr. Jeter asked about how we get it in final form.

Mr. Ray indicated we have done our job to send to the City Council. It would be appropriate to present it at the next meeting which would be September 24, 2024. He indicated the amendments are not changing but the ballot language would be handled by the City Council with an outside firm. It will to on the ballot as requested.

Mrs. Nottingham indicated it would come to the City Council as an ordinance and then a resolution to call for the election. Once that is done, make application to the bond commission.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to adjourn #2**

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is 5 – Yeas and 1 Nay

Yeas: Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Jeff Lee, Mike Lombardino, Debbie Martin,

Nays: Lee A. Jeter, Sr.

Absent: Vicky Whitman, Paul Peek, Sr.

Adjournment – 7:11 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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