

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

**Date of meeting: Monday, August 26, 2024**

**Time of meeting: 6:00 pm**

**Notice posted : Friday, August 23, 2024**

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY  
HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA  
Monday, August 26, 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 July 29, 2024 meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Re-establish rules of decorum
2. New Member Nominations and approvals
3. New Chairman election
4. Bossier City Charter changes(edits)
  1. Discussion of edits reviewed and/or action taken in previous charter commission meetings.
    - a. Consensus items
    - b. Budget timing issues Edit # 65,66,75
    - c. Threshold for Ord to declare surplus Edit #32
    - d. Water Rate flexibility Edit # 115, 117
    - e. Convicted felons cannot serve in elective office Edits # 17, 45, 46
    - f. Criminal penalty for council investigation Edits # 19

- g. Delay time for passage of ordinances Edit # 28
  - h. Number of electors to protest an ordinance Edit #29
  - i. Vacancy of the Mayor Edit # 46
  - j. Term limits for Mayor and council 1, 3, 7, 12, 13, 16, 33, 35, 37, 40
2. Review and discuss edits as listed:
- a. Flexibility in hiring clerks Edit #21
  - b. Clarify Mayor's hiring power Edits #8, #49
  - c. Mandatory reports by Mayor to the City Council Edit # 58
  - d. Salary Study every 3 years Edits # 63, 64
  - e. The Mayor can ask the city attorney to prepare legislation Edit # 85
  - f. Building Code Board of Appeals unused Edit #89
  - g. Requirements for Department Heads Edits #91, 92, 93, 95
  - h. Personnel Board Appointments Edit #99
  - i. Animal Services Under Police Department Edits # 107, 109
  - j. Solid Waste contract Edit #111
  - k. At large Districts – elected separately Edits #2,4,5,6,8,9,10,14
  - l. Supermajority threshold for council votes Edit #26
  - m. Certain employees mandated to live in the city Edits #22, 56
  - n. Mayor appoints certain position without Council approval Edits #51, 57
  - o. Project Coordinator mandatory Edits # 55, 82, 84
  - p. Petitions Edits # 59, 60, 61
  - q. Amending the City Charter (Chapter 22) Edits # 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133
5. Outline the next steps for the review of the Bossier City Charter final document and submission to the City Council.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

## Bossier City Charter Commission Candidates

1. Lisa Smith
2. Paul E Peek, Sr.
3. Jeff Lee
4. Mike Lombardino
5. Debbie Martin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION  
OF BOSSIER CITY LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF  
July 29, 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 July 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

**Roll Call as follows:**

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

Absent: none

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

Invocation was given by Mr. Jeter.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson

**Agenda Item called: Approve Agenda**

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

Vote in favor of motion is passed 4 yeas, 1 nay.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Lisa Wilhite.

Nays: Lee A Jeter, Sr

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Various comments from Mr. Wes Merriott 211 Shadow Ridge Drive, Bossier City. He requested that the minutes be read on the adoption of limiting comment to three minutes per topic and the adoption of Robert's rule.

Read by Mrs. Morehart:

**Minutes for 2-12-24**

By: Mrs. Parks **Motion to limit public comments to three (3) minutes per agenda item on which action is taken.**

Second by Mrs. Whitman

No comment from the audience.

No comments from the commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Preston Friedley, Jr., Lee A. Jeter, Sr., David Johnson, Sandra Morehart, Vicky Whitman, Lisa Wilhite and Julianna Park

Nays: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Shane Cheatham

Abstain: none

Read by Mrs. Morehart:

**Minutes for 2-05-24**

By: Mr. Jeter **Motion that we use Roberts Rules 12<sup>th</sup> edition to guide our meetings.**

Second by Mrs. Morehart

No comment from the audience.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yeas: Vicky Whitman, Julianna Parks, Sandra Morehart, Shane Cheatham, Preston Friedley, Jr., Lee A. Jeter, Sr., David Johnson.

Nays: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Abstain: none

Various comments from the following:

Duke Lowrey, 510 Benton Road, Bossier City

Rex Moncrief, 2208 Hickory Ridge, Bossier City

Mrs. Morehart read from Robert's Rule of Order 50:2.1.

Mrs. Parks read from Robert's Rule of Order 9:29.

Mrs. Morehart called for question. This was ignored by the Vice Chairman.

Mr. Cheatham commented on various items and then abandoned the meeting.

Mr. Johnson abandoned the meeting, too.

Mr. Collin Edwards 1414 Westminister Street, Bossier City made various comments.

Mr. Ray noted in Robert's Rule of Order regarding the assumption of Chairman cannot occur until the acceptance of the resignation of the chairman. He confirmed the adoption of the three-minute rule and Robert's Rule of Order.

Mr. Ray advised to elect a chairman pro-tem for the meeting based on Robert's Rule of Order 47:11. He also noted Mr. Cheatham was not the chairman since the resignations were not approved.

Ryan Haygood, 2136 Airline Drive, Bossier City made various comments.

Matt Watson, 4726 Ackard, Bossier City shared various comments.

Cassie Rogers, 4914 General Sterling Price Place, Bossier City, LA made several comments.  
Matthew Wiley, 107 Chatham Place, Bossier City LA made several comments.

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

Second by: Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

By: Mr. Jeter **Motion to amend agenda.**

No second

Mr. Jeter wanted to have a workshop meeting for discussion on replacement commissioners and possible ethic charge that might impact this committee.

Mrs. Morehart stated she did not want to meet in a workshop meeting; however, would meet in a regular meeting with agenda, minutes, security and video.

Mr. Ray replied to the audience on the video and minutes posting with information from the IT department.

Mrs. Morehart requested motion on the Chairman Pro-Tem to complete this meeting.

By: Mrs. Wilhite **Motion to elect Chairman, Pro-Tem Mr. Lee A. Jeter, Sr**  
Second by: Mrs. Whitman

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments were received from the audience

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

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Wes Merriott 211 Shadow Ridge Drive, Bossier City made various comments.

Ryan Haygood, 2136 Airline Drive, Bossier City made various comments.

Mrs. Parks read the text messages between Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Friedley, Mr. Jeter and Mr. Johnson from the June 10, 2024 meeting.

Cassie Rogers, 4914 General Sterling Price Place, Bossier City, LA made several comments.

**Agenda Item called: Approve Agenda June 10, 2024**

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to approve agenda.**

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from the audience.

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: Accept resignations of Preston Friedley and Panderina Soumas**

By: Mrs. Wilhite **Motion to approve** Accept resignations of Preston Friedley and Panderina Soumas

Second by Mrs. Morehart

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from the audience.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

Mrs. Morehart asked to discuss how to move forward in nominating the new commission members. She recommended each commissioner nominate citizens to serve and she would disburse to members and public for review before the next meeting.

Mr. Jeter asked for a deadline on August 5, 2024 for a bio to the commission and published to the public. The next meeting was agreed upon for August 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to adjourn and set next Meeting August 12, 2024 in council chamber**

Second by Mrs. Whitman

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from the audience.

Lisa Smith 1612 Success Street, Bossier City submitted her bio for consideration

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

Nays: none

Absent: Shane Cheatham, David Johnson

Abstain: none

**Adjournment – 10:04 pm**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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