

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
OF BOSSIER CITY LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF
June 10, 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 June 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite,

Also present was ex officio non-voting member: Assistant City Attorney Richard Ray standing in for the City Attorney Charles Jacobs.

Invocation was given by Mr. Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jeter

Agenda Item called: Approve Agenda

By: Mr. Cheatham **Motion to approve agenda.**
Second by Mr. Johnson

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City. on his written papers.
No comments from the commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

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

Abstain: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite,

Agenda Item called: Approve Minutes from May 21, 2024 meeting.

By: Mrs. Whitman **Motion to approve minutes from May 21, 2024 meeting.**
Second by Mr. Cheatham

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City.
No comments from the commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.
Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart,
David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr
Abstain: none
Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite,

Old Business

Agenda Item Called: Discussion of Bossier City Charter "Consensus?" items

Mr. Ray provided an updated copy of the Bossier City Charter draft. This includes the items approved in the last meeting removed as "Consensus" items.

No public comments on this agenda item.
Mrs. Whitman asked for confirmation the item on residency was not in the approved consensus items.

New Business

Agenda Item Called: Review and discuss Bossier City Charter changes by chapter

Mr. Ray provided a summarized items for further discussion and possible action.

Budget timing issues edit 65, 66, 75 were reviewed with Mrs. Williamson, Finance Director. No action was taken to change the current charter.

Threshold for Ord. to declare surplus edit 32 discussed with Mrs. Williamson, Finance Director.

By: Mr. Cheatham **Motion to approve Threshold for Ord. to declare surplus edit 32**
Second by Mrs. Morehart

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City on book value.

Discussions with various commission members and Mrs. Williamson provided additional information on this matter.

Vote in favor of motion 5 Yes, 2 Abstain

Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Sandra Morehart, Preston Friedley, Jr.

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite,

Abstain: Mr. Jeter, Mr. Johnson

Water Rate flexibility edit 115

By: Mr. Cheatham **Motion to approve Water Rate flexibility edit 115**

Second: Mr. Johnson

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City.

Discussion with Mrs. Williamson from various commission members.

Vote in favor of motion 4 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain

Yes: Julianna Parks, Shane Cheatham, David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr.

No: Sandra Morehart

Abstain: Lee A. Jeter, Sr, Vicky Whitman

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite,

Water Rate flexibility edit 117

No action taken on edit 117 to change the current charter.

Convicted felons cannot serve in elective office edit 17, 4.04b2

By: Mrs. Parks **Motion to approve edit 17 and 4.04b2**

Second: Mr. Jeter

Various comments from Mrs. Rogers, 4914 General Sterling Price Place, Bossier City.

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

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

Abstain: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Mayor's absence/vacancy edit 45

By: Mr. Jeter **Motion to approve edit 45**
Second: Mrs. Morehart

No comments from audience.
No comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.
Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart,
David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr
Abstain: none
Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Mayor's absence/vacancy edit 46

By: Mr. Jeter **Motion to approve edit 46**
Second: Mrs. Morehart

No comments from audience.
No comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.
Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart,
David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr
Abstain: none
Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Criminal penalty for council investigation edit 19

By: Mr. Cheatham **Motion to approve edit 19**
Second: Mr. Johnson

No comments from audience.
No comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.
Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart,
David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr
Abstain: none
Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Delay time for passage of ordinances edit 28

By: Mrs. Parks Motion to approve edit 28 10 days from adoption not publication

Second: Mr. Johnson

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City.

Various comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion – Yes 6 No 1

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

No: Shane Cheatham

Abstain: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Term Limits Edits 1, 3, 7, 12, 13, 16, 33, 35, 37, 40

Mr. Ray reviewed the options:

Version A – no change

Version B – Term Limits (three 4-year terms) without retroactivity

Version C – Term Limits (three 4-year terms) with retroactivity

Version D – Term Limits (two 6-year terms At Large members, three 4-year terms District Members) without retroactivity

Version #E - Term Limits (two 6-year terms At Large members, three 4-year terms District Members) with retroactivity

By: Mr. Cheatham Motion to approve edit Version C term limits for Council

Second: Mr. Johnson

Various comments from Mr. Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City.

Various comments from Mr. Merriott 211 Shadow Ridge Drive, Bossier City.

Various comments from Mrs. Rogers, 4914 General Sterling Price Place, Bossier City.

Mr. Johnson urged a vote to accept Version C.

Mr. Jeter asked about the boundaries of the At Large districts. Mr. Ray stated it would remain the same including the whole city.

Mrs. Parks reviewed her concerns on term limits. She noted the citizens of Bossier City currently can vote their choices every time an election occurs.

Mrs. Whitman reviewed her concerns on term limits.

Mr. Johnson called for a vote. Mr. Friedley stated you (Mr. Johnson) are calling for the question and proceeded to call for a vote signifying by saying I. Mr. Cheatham asked why since he had a motion and second on the floor. Mr. Friedley stated Mr. Johnson was saying let's go ahead and

vote. Mr. Cheatham asked are we voting that or are we voting on my motion. Mr. Ray noted these words have meaning, if you are calling the question, that takes a 2/3 majority to stop the debate. Mr. Friedley commented that he (Mr. Johnson) is just saying he wants to vote. Mr. Ray stated Mr. Friedley had said there is a motion to call for the question. Mr. Friedley said he is not answering for Mr. Johnson, but if Mr. Ray is saying it is going to call for a 2/3 majority vote, I think Mr. Johnson will have to answer for himself. Mr. Ray confirmed what he heard being said was a motion to call for the question. Mr. Johnson stated he wanted to vote. Mr. Cheatham stated well there's a motion and a second on the table, we've had public opinion and commissioner's opinion at this time we should vote. No action was taken on the substitute motion to call for the question.

Vote in favor of motion Yes 4, No 3

Yes: Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr.

No: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Sandra Morehart

Abstain: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

By: Mr. Cheatham **Motion to approve edit Version C term limits for Mayor**

Second: Mr. Johnson

No comments from audience.

No comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion Yes 4, No 3

Yes: Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr.

No: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Sandra Morehart

Abstain: none

Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Number of electors to protest an ordinance edit 29 Adoption from Publication

By: Mr. Cheatham **Motion to approve edit 28 10 days from adoption not publication**

Second: Mr. Johnson

No comments from audience.

No comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart,
David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr
Abstain: none
Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Mr. Cheatham requested Mr. Ray provide additional wording in the charter that will require mandatory posting of council meetings, ordinances, and agendas.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Bossier City Council Chambers.

The completion of charter revisions should be submitted to the City Council by June 30, 2024 in order for voting on the December ballot.

Mrs. Johnson represented the neighborhood association of Old Greenacres. She expressed their support of the Police department and the great work they have seen in their neighborhood.

By: Mrs. Morehart Motion to adjourn
Second by: Mr. Johnson
Adjournment – 9:30 pm

No comments from audience.
No comments from commission.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.
Yes: Julianna Parks, Vicky Whitman, Shane Cheatham, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Sandra Morehart,
David Johnson, Preston Friedley, Jr
Abstain: none
Absent: Panderina Soumas, Lisa Wilhite

Respectfully submitted:

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