

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
OF BOSSIER CITY LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF
October 4, 2024**

The Charter Commission of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, had a meeting October 4, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent: none

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. Parks.

Mr. Ray noted we are here today in reference to a complaint to the Louisiana Attorney General. Mr. Jacobs and I have discussed with the AG and we want to address the potential issue with appointments and alleviate it.

Agenda Item called: Approve Agenda

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

Vote in favor of motion to approve agenda is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

Yeas: Julianna Parks, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Vicky Whitman, Sandra Morehart
Nays: none

Absent: none
Abstain: none

By: Mrs. Parks **Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2024 minutes.**
Second by Mrs. Wilhite

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

Yeas: Julianna Parks, Lisa Wilhite, Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Vicky Whitman, Sandra Morehart
Nays: none
Absent: none
Abstain: none

VI. New Business

Agenda item VI. 1. Election Chairman Pro Tem

By: Mr. Jeter Motion to election Chairman Pro Tem

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Agenda item VI. 2. Consider action to accept the resignations of commissioners Shane Cheatham and David Johnson.

By: Mr. Jeter: Motion to accept the resignations of commissioners Shane Cheatham and David Johnson.

Second by Mrs. Parks

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Agenda item VI. 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.

By: Mrs. Morehart: Motion 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.

Second by Mrs. Wilhite

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Appointed members, Debbie Martin, Mike Lombardino, Jeff Lee, joined the commissioners.

Agenda item VI. 4. Consider action to rescind the action taken in the prior meetings and agenda items as follows Meeting August 26, 2024, September 9, 2024, September 11, and September 16

By: Mrs. Wilhite: Motion to rescind the following:

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)*

Second by Mrs. Parks

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Agenda item VI. 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.

By: Mr. Jeter Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted namely the term limits provisions previously adopted on June 10, 2024, and adopt the following version:

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.

and to send the following to the Bossier City Council to then be presented to the voters on December 7, 2024 or the earliest possible election:

An amended and restated Bossier City Charter incorporating the changes proposed by the 2024 Charter Review Commission (*excluding the proposed edits to Chapter 3, Sections 3.01(b) and Chapter 4, Section 4.01*); and

Proposed Charter amendments 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.”

Second by: Mrs. Morehart

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Various comments from public.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Agenda Item called: Adjourn

By: Mrs. Morehart **Motion to Adjourn.**
Second by Mr. Jeter

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none
Abstain: none

Adjournment – 2:17 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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