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Charter Review Commission Summary Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

The Charter Review Commission Meeting will be held in person in the Barfield Conference Room at Sandy Springs City Hall (1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328).

Live-stream:	Public Meeting Portal (CivicClerk): https://sandyspringsga.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx Zoom Webinar: http://spr.gs/2021crc
Teleconference:	Phone: (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 838 2000 5723
Public Comment:	http://spr.gs/publiccomment

I Call to Order

Chair Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II Roll Call and General Announcements

Members present: Vice Chair Tochie Blad, Chip Collins, Tricia Gephardt, Melody Kelley, Tom Mahaffey, Sunny Park, Suleima Millan-Salinas, Andrea Settles, Ronda Smith and Chair Gabriel Sterling

III Ruling on a Quorum

Assistant City Clerk Karina Reyna confirmed a quorum of members was present.

IV Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Member Chip Collins, seconded by Member Andrea Settles, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V Approval of Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2021 Charter Review Commission Meeting

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Member Andrea Settles, seconded by Member Suleima Millan-Salinas, to approve the June 17, 2021 Charter Review Commission Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

VI New Business

CRC2021-023 Public Comment on the Charter

1. Mary Baron

CRC2021-024 Continued Discussion of Recommended Changes

Signage and Flood

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Member Suleima Millan-Salinas, seconded by Member Andrea

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Settles, to dismiss discussion on the verbiage to be included under signage and flood as she feels the verbiage included under the development code is sufficient. The motion carried unanimously.

Rules of the Court

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Vice Chair Tochie Blad, seconded by Member Melody Kelley, to amend Section 4.06 of the Sandy Springs Charter as follows: "The judges, by majority vote, shall have the authority to make reasonable rules and regulations necessary and proper for addressing the lawful operation and the due process required of the municipal court. The Clerk of Court as administrator of the court shall prepare reasonable rules and procedures necessary and proper to secure the efficient and successful administration of the municipal court. All administrative rules and procedures shall be subject to approval of the City Council and shall be consistent with the Uniform Rules of the Municipal Courts of Georgia as amended from time to time." The Motion carried unanimously.

Catch-all Emergency Section

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Member Melody Kelley, seconded by Vice Chair Tochie Blad, to create an emergency section as follows: "To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace, the city council may convene on call of the mayor or four councilmembers and may promptly adopt an emergency ordinance, but such ordinance shall not levy taxes; grant, renew, or extend a franchise; regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services; or authorize the borrowing of money except for loans to be repaid within 30 days. An emergency ordinance shall be introduced in the form prescribed for ordinances generally, except that it shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms. An emergency ordinance may be adopted, with or without amendment, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced, but the affirmative vote of a majority of the city council present shall be required for adoption. It shall become effective upon adoption or at such later time as it may specify. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand repealed 30 days following the date upon which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency continues to exist. An emergency ordinance shall also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner specified in this section for adoption of emergency ordinances." The motion failed (6 to 4).

Aye: Melody Kelley, Tochie Blad, Sunny Park, Tricia Gephardt

Nay: Ronda Smith, Andrea Settles, Tom Mahaffey, Chip Collins, Gabriel Sterling, Suleima Millan-Salinas

CRC2021-025 Finalize Charter Review Recommendations

Member Tricia Gephardt stated for the record, upon reflection of the approval of the **Sec. 2.03. -**



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Vacancy; filling of vacancies; suspensions revisions made at the June 17, 2021 Charter Review Commission Meeting, she would have voted no.

Minority Report

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Tochie Blad, seconded Alford by Member Tricia Gephardt, to discuss a Minority Report to be included in the appendix of the Charter Review Final Report. The motion failed (5 to 5).

Aye: Tochie Blad, Tricia Gephardt, Melody Kelley, Sunny Park, Suleima, Millan-Salinas

Nay: Chip Collins, Tom Mahaffey, Gabriel Sterling, Andrea Settles, Ronda Smith

Report of the 2021 City of Sandy Springs Charter Commission

Motion and Vote. A Motion was made by Andrea Settles, and seconded by Suleima Millan-Salinas, to adopt the Report of the 2021 City of Sandy Springs Charter Commission and to include a spreadsheet detailing the recommended language changes addressing pronouns provided in the appendix. The motion carried (9 to 1).

Aye: Tricia Gephardt, Melody Kelley, Sunny Park, Suleima, Millan-Salinas, Chip Collins, Tom Mahaffey, Gabriel Sterling, Andrea Settles, Ronda Smith

Nay: Tochie Blad

VIII Adjournment

Motion and Vote. A motion was made by Member Tom Mahaffey, seconded by Member Chip Collins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.