

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

Present:

Dionne Bagsby, Chair (arrived at 4:40 pm)
Pete Geren
Henry Borbolla
Julie Miers
Bert Williams
Lu Moskowitz
Mike Holt
Mike Coffey
Keith Shankland

Absent:

Danny Scarth
Carlos Flores

Staff Present:

Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney
Mary Kayser, City Secretary

1. Call to Order - Dionne Bagsby, Chair

At 4:35 pm Chair Bagsby had not arrived. Fernando Costa suggested that the Task Force elect a temporary chair. A motion was made and seconded to elect Bert Williams as temporary chair.

With a quorum present, Temporary Chair Williams called the Charter Review Task Force to order at 4:37 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015, in the Pre-Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2015

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting with a correction on page 2 to the second bullet under **Staggered Terms**. The bullet should read as follows: Is it important to limit the amount of turnover that could occur in any city council election?

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Public Engagement Process – Michelle Gutt, Director of Communications and Public Engagement

Ms. Gutt presented the proposal for communicating with and educating the public on the proposed changes to the charter and gaining feedback on the proposed changes from the public. The communications plan will consist of four public meetings, community outreach, traditional

media, video, web and social media and media relations. Ms. Gutt emphasized that all forms of outreach and communications would be used so as to reach the broadest cross sections of citizens.

The Task Force noted that there were no locations on the near Northside and the far East Side. Ms. Gutt noted that they could add two more locations.

At this time Mr. Williams returned the meeting to Chair Bagsby.

4. Proposed Technical Amendments – Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney

Ms. Fullenwider reviewed the technical amendments. She discussed each proposed amendment the background for its inclusion and the suggested change either rewording or deletion.

The Task Force recessed when it was discovered that the exterior doors to City Hall were locked.

The Task Force recessed from 5:25 pm until 5:39 pm when access to the building was restored..

Ms. Fullenwider stated that the Task Force would be provided with the actual ballot language at the next meeting. The Task Force could decide at that time to rank the proposals or to present all of them to the Council for potential inclusion on the Charter Amendment Election ballot.

5. Costs to Accommodate a Larger City - Mary Kayser, City Secretary

Ms. Kayser presented the costs for building adjustments to accommodate an expanded council. It was noted that an expanded Council would also impact board and commission appointments as well.

6. Requests for Future Agenda Items

For the next meeting the following items were requested:

- Revised public hearing schedule that includes locations on the near North Side and East Side.
- Ballot language and redline version for the proposed technical amendments and potential ranking.
- A draft of the interim report that will be given to the Council by the Task Force at the October 13, 2015, meeting for review and comment.
- Standard agenda for each of the public hearings.
- Consideration of one additional Task Force meeting after the Public Hearings are completed to review the public input and prepare the final recommendations to be presented to the City Council in December.

7. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

8. Citizen Presentations

Celina Vasquez spoke in support of the work of the Task Force. She requested that the material presented to the Task Force be placed on the web. Addressed geographical diversity for potential redistricting. Requested utilizing the Spanish media to get the work out on this process.

Pauline Gasca-Valenciano spoke in support of the work of the Task Force.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Bagsby adjourned the Regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.