

A Resolution

NO. 4493-07-2015

APPOINTING A CITY CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth City Charter was adopted by election in 1924; and

WHEREAS, there have been twelve City Charter amendment elections subsequent to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint a City Charter Review Task Force comprised of eight citizens appointed by individual Council Members and three appointed by the Mayor to study certain issues related to the current City Charter and make recommendations to the City Council for a possible City Charter amendment election in May of 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

1. A City Charter Review Task Force is hereby established consisting of eleven members as follows:

Place 1 (Chair): Dionne Bagsby

Place 1: Pete Geren

Place 1: Henry Borbolla

Place 2: Carlos Flores

Place 3: Julie Miers

Place 4: Keith Shankland

Place 5: Bert Williams

Place 6: Lu Moskowitz

Place 7: Mike Holt

Place 8: Danny Scarth

Place 9: Mike Coffey

2. The City Charter Review Task Force is charged with considering and making recommendations to the City Council on the following City Charter amendments:
 - (a) City Council terms of office;
 - (b) City Council staggered terms;
 - (c) City Council compensation;



- (d) Number of Council Members, with any increase to become effective upon redistricting in 2021 after the 2020 census for a 2023 election;
 - (e) Conflict of interest provision in Chapter XXVII §16 of the City Charter; and
 - (f) Technical and other amendments that may be brought forward to the Charter Review Task Force by the City Manager or City Attorney.
3. The Charter Review Task Force may adopt bylaws to govern the conduct of its meetings and hearings.
 4. The Charter Review Task Force shall meet during the months of August and September, 2015 to study issues, reach preliminary findings and make an interim report on these findings to the City Council on October 13, 2015.
 5. The Charter Review Task Force shall hold multiple public hearings during the months of October and November, 2015 at various locations throughout the city to solicit community feedback on issues to be considered in the City Charter Amendment election.
 6. The Charter Review Task Force shall, by majority vote of all of its members, make its final recommendations to the City Council by December 15, 2015 concerning the issues in the charge to the Task Force. The report may include the position of the minority and any accompanying explanations of the majority and minority position.
 7. The City Council may amend the charge of the Charter Review Task Force at any time.
 8. The City Council shall hold public hearings at its City Council meetings in January, 2016 on the preliminary draft of the proposed City Charter Amendments to obtain citizen feedback on the Amendments under consideration.
 9. The City Council shall make the final determination concerning whether and when to hold a City Charter Amendment election and the propositions to be submitted to the voters at the election.
 10. The Charter Review Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and shall serve unless or until replace by the City Council and shall be subject to rules applicable to other City task forces. The Charter Review Task Force shall cease to exist upon the accomplishment of the purpose for which it was created unless earlier abolished by majority vote of the City Council.

Adopted this 28th day of July 2015.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary Kayser, City Secretary



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