

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Charter Review Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, at the Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Will Brooks

Bill Yenne

Lisa Pauls

Amy Tasto

Mark Swirsky

Modesto Mundo, City Manager

Riazul Mia, Asst. City Manager

Gerald Roznovsky, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2023, MEETING

On motion by Ms. Pauls, seconded by Mr. Yenne with all present members voting "aye," the July 11, 2023, minutes were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS WITH MAYOR GERALD ROZNOVSKY

Mayor Roznovsky thanked all the members of the Review Commission, both repeat and new. He encouraged discussion throughout the meetings and questions on any unclear areas. Mayor Roznovsky described the City's Charter as its guide and said a lot had been cleaned up in recent years. Our City Attorney will cover changes from recent state legislation.

The mayor mentioned that a Councilman questions why the mayor votes during Council meetings. Mayor Roznovsky believes that the mayor should go on record on specific issues. He noted that the mayor could not make a motion or a second.

One area he would like to review is how the Mayor Pro-Tem is selected. Recent tradition has been that the Councilman serving the longest on Council that has yet to be Mayor Pro Tem would serve.

Mr. Swirsky asked Mayor Roznovsky, in his opinion as mayor, what are the major qualifications for mayor. Mayor Roznovsky replied that they have leadership ability and knowledge of how city government works. Mr. Swirsky asked if criminal background checks are conducted on mayoral or council member candidates, and the mayor replied, "No."

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS WITH MODESTO MUNDO, CITY MANAGER

City Manager Modesto Mundo suggested talking to the City Secretary and the City Attorney about the Referendum and lessons learned.

DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON ARTICLES 1 & 2

Sec. 1.01 and 1.02 – No change

Sec. 1.03 (a) – No change

Sec. 1.03 (b) – Recommend that the phrase “and the city website” be inserted right after the phrase “of the order in the official newspaper of the city” at the end of the fourth line.

Sec. 1.03 (c)-(g) – No change

Editor’s Note: Recommend writing out the reference to Vernon’s in the first editor’s note for ease of reading (including V.T.C.A. and Vernon’s Ann. Civ. St.).

Amendment note – question regarding the meaning of “to read as set out.” Does this mean as written?

Sec. 1.04 – No change

Sec. 2.01 – I would like clarification on using the word “residences” in the fourth sentence from the end of the paragraph. Is the security of residents covered elsewhere?

Sec. 2.02 – 2.03 – No change

Ms. Pauls mentioned that it did not appear that all the last Charter Review Commission recommendations were included in the current Charter.

AFFIRM THE NEXT MEETING DATE AND DRAFT THE AGENDA

- August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
- Review the 2021 Charter Review Report
- Review Articles 3 & 4; be prepared to discuss Articles 5 & 6
- Discussion and comments with Chase Blanchard and Vinay Singhania

COMMISSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on the _____ day of _____ 2023.

Will Brooks, Chair

Lisa Pauls, Secretary