

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Charter Review Commission met on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 6:15 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, City Council Chambers, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose considering the following agenda items:

Charter Review Members: Nino Herrera - Chairperson
Daniela Ramirez - Secretary
Reuben Cuellar – Vice Chairperson
Beatriz Gonzalez - Absent
Angela Fisher

Present: Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Delia Munoz, City Secretary

Visitors: Edward T. Garcia
Melanie Oldham
Eric Hayes
Lila Diehl

Call to Order.

Chairman Nino Herrera called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Consideration of approving the minutes of November 4, 2015.

On a motion by Reuben Cuellar, seconded by Angela Fischer, with all present voting “Aye”, the minutes of November 4, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Consideration of proposing amendments to the Charter Review Articles 1-11.

Section 3.02 Qualifications

On a motion by Nino Herrera, seconded by Reuben Cuellar, with all present voting “Aye”, Section 3.02 Qualifications: be changed to 24 consecutive months instead of 12 consecutive months.

Edward Garcia asked the Charter Review board to review 3.06 Vacancies and 34.07 Terms.

Melanie Oldham asked the Charter Review board to review 3.02 Qualifications and suggested that “valid excuse” be changed to writing or verbal.

Section 4.08 Fire Department

On a motion by Nino Herrera, seconded by Angela Fisher, with all present voting “Aye”, Section 4.08 Fire Department to add 92.35 of the Code of Ordinance, Establishment of Department; Definitions.

(A) For the protection of property and lives within the city, there is hereby established and there shall be maintained by the city a department to be known as the Freeport Fire and E.M.S Department. ('68 Code ;14-39)

(B) For the purpose of this subchapter, the word **E.M.S** shall mean emergency medical service and the word **Department** shall mean the Freeport Fire and E.M.S. Department. ('68 Code, 14-38) Ord. 1132 passed 8-1-66 Am. Ord. 1848 passed 12-21-98)

Section 9.06 Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

On a motion by Nino Herrera, seconded by Reuben Cuellar, with all present voting “aye”, Section 9.06 Notice of Public Hearing on Budget, change to “general circulation within the city” and in the city’s website.

Section 11.011 Selection of Newspapers for Publication

On a motion by Nino Herrera, seconded by Reuben Cuellar, with all present voting “aye”, Section 11.011 (a). change to “general circulation within the city” and city’s web site.

Section 10.07 Consent of Property

On a motion by Daniela Ramirez, seconded by Angela Fisher, with all present voting “Aye”, to add “such property shall be restored to its previous condition”.

Discuss and schedule next meeting.

The next Charter Review meeting will be November 18th, 2015 @ 6:15 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Reuben Cuellar and seconded by Nino Herrera; the meeting adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Nino Herrera , Chairperson
Charter Review Commission

Daniela Ramirez, Secretary
Charter Review Commission

