



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

12/11/2018

Charter Change Committee

Minutes

December 11, 2018

Committee Members Present: Joan Shannon (JS), Chair, Richard Deane (RD), Max Tracy (MT)

Others Present: City Attorney Eileen Blackwood (EB), staff; Adam Roof, Kelly Devine (KD), Jeff Nick (JN), Ron Redmond (RR), Dave Hartnett

The meeting was convened at 6 pm.

- 1.01 Agenda. Deane moved, Tracy seconded. Unanimous.
- 2.01 Approval of the Minutes from 12/4/18: Deane moved; Tracy seconded. Unanimous.
- 3.01 No public comments.
- 4.01 Downtown Improvement District.

Boundaries 321 (a). RD asked what happens if folks want to add another block. EB referred him to proposed (d). The Committee asked the City Attorney to prepare language to match the map that was given to the BOF.

Purpose 321 (b). The Committee discussed the purposes. MT was concerned about overreach. Add recognition of public accountability to (5).

Expansion 321 (d). The Committee discussed adding "contiguous" and adding "contracted." With either expansion or contraction, continuity of district must be considered, AR will check on how other districts have handled this issue for Committee to consider tomorrow night.

Establishment of DID Entity 322 (a) AR will check on how other districts have handled transition, initial board, fees, etc.

322(b) EB will change to say board is subject to open meeting law and public records act.

DID authority 323 (b) MT raised question about contracting with street outreach and whether it is a core governmental function. JS suggested that need control by council to be sure that they don't hire thugs. (2) change "homeless individuals or other street populations" to "vulnerable individuals." KD noted the goal is to work within cooperative environment.

Add to first sentence of (b) "as fully described by the DID management plan approved by the city council."

Add to last sentence of (b) "enhanced" "subject to all standard city review and approval processes"

(9) Delete "to resubmit until approved" add "for reconsideration, revision, and resubmission for ultimate city council approval."

(c)(6) to change CCTA to GMT



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325 special assessment fee. MT thinks that there should be a differentiation for small non-profits. There was discussion of the 5% cap on the rate increase. RR noted that 5% is a very low cap. The cap is really for the benefit of the fee payers, not the public.

AR will get information on how other districts define hardship.

327(b) remove mayor from abatement board and make it abatement sub-committee. Need to define hardship. JS suggested "overly burdensome" or "not in the public interest."

Tomorrow the Committee will try to finish this and review the open questions. RD has a hard 7 pm stop tomorrow night.

5.01 Next meeting: none scheduled

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.