



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

9/10/2015

Charter Change Committee ****MINUTES****

Sept. 10, 2015

Present: Councilors Kurt Wright (Chair), Sara Giannoni, Joan Shannon

Staff: Eileen Blackwood (EB)

Councilor Wright convened the meeting at 3:08 pm.

2.01 Minutes of July 9, 2015—Wright made one correction to show the council agreed with considering Parks/Police Commission changes. Shannon moved/Giannoni seconded—unanimous

3.01 Public Forum--No members of the public were present for public forum.

4.01 Discussion of CC items--

Fence Viewers:

Shannon: Can we give fence viewers the power to go out and make sure a fence was put up as permitted? Based on the permit. Permit can't be closed until fence viewer reports it's in right place.

Wright: For every fence? Shannon: Certainly for new fences. The role would not be to hunt down new fences but to find out if a permit was actually carried out.

EB will check with P&Z and have her office do legal research to see if this is feasible.

Expansion of the Parks and Police Commissions:

Wright: How do we want to proceed?



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Committee reviewed prior resolutions.

Decision was made to invite the following to the next meeting: Police Commission, Parks Commission, Dept Heads, Cemetery Commission.

Wright will call the chairs.

The invitation will include language from prior resolutions about the topic.

What is the timing for councilor-initiated charter changes? Charter changes are needed by mid-Dec.

The mayor stepped in briefly and raised a question about a gross receipts tax on vehicles for hire, and the committee decided to follow up with that separately.

5.01 Next meeting-- Do doodle poll for chairs and dept heads for end of Sept/Oct at 5 pm for meeting Avoid Oct. 7-12
Wright would prefer Tues or Wed. Pub Safety mtg at 7 pm on Oct. 7.

Giannoni will reach out to Public Works Commission, but will be gone last two weeks of Oct. so may miss their meeting. Wright will be willing to fill in. The discussion is overlap of council and committee duties.

6.01 Adjournment—Giannoni moved/Shannon seconded. Adjourned at 3:46 pm.

