Charter Review Commission
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Lower Level Conference Room

Name	Present	Absent
Brooks Boliek	X	
Cameron Thurston	X	
Dan Alpert (8:35pm)	X	
John Krouse		X
Nathan Rickard	X	
Nora Eidelman	X	
Normand Bernache	X	
Peter King (7:42pm)	X	
Ray Ranker (7:41pm)	X	
Virdina Gibbs		X

Also present: Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary

Mr. Thurston called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

1. Review and approve March 28, 2019 minutes: **A motion was made by Mr. Boliek and seconded by Mr. Thurston to approve the March 28, 2019 minutes with amendments. Motion carries 6-0-0.**

2. Review and approve March 11, 2019 Public Forum verbatim transcript: **A motion was made by Mr. Boliek and seconded by Mr. Bernache to approve the March 11, 2019 Public Forum transcription with amendments. Motion carries 6-0-0.**

3. Reviewed draft report sections:
   a. Election costs – Mr. Boliek and Mr. Bernache
      i. The cost of running an election is averaging $23K - $28K.
      ii. There is no way to anticipate costs of onboarding new council members. Staff members time can vary based on the number of manhours each member requires.
      iii. Staggered elections would result in the same cost to the City as doing elections every 2-years.
      iv. Suggested to make the report gender neutral.
      v. Need to take into consideration if a council member runs for Mayor prior to the end of his/her term and wins, the costs of running a special election to fill the council seat would need to be taken into consideration.
      vi. Mr. Rickard offered that 11 cities have staggered terms with populations of 7000+ people.
      vii. Take into consideration that if you want more voter turnout, the elections may want to be done at the same time as presidential elections.

        viii. Costs are not relative in non-national elections. This information should be removed.
- b. Defer Candidacy – Mr. Thurston
    - i. Pie chart is excellent – should definitely use for final report
    - ii. Can we show on the graph of all new council members who only served a single 2-year term and lost and why they lost? As reviewed, it seems like there is Alan Hew in 2015, Christine Nagle in 2011, Mary Cook in 2009, and Donald Byrd in 2003.
    - iii. Should discuss re-districting done in the 1980's.
    - iv. Show the difference in seats: 8 seats from 1945-1951 and 9 seats from 1953 to present.
    - v. How many times has an incumbent lost?
- c. Impact on Candidacy – Mr. Ranker
    - i. Information on a potential student running for city council should be clarified whether a 2-year term or 4-year term.
    - ii. Verbiage change to how much money "do candidates spend" on elections.
    - iii. Mr. Ranker needs contact information on former candidates and will work with Ms. Miller.
    - iv. Change verbiage to say "37 cycles" not 37 elections.
- d. Responsive and Accountable Government – Mr. King and Mr. Krouse
    - i. Need to enter in the comments for residents pro 4-year term.
    - ii. Mr. King and Mr. Ranker will work on consolidating their information into one section.
- e. Students – Mr. Alpert
    - i. General concern is that students are under-represented.
    - ii. Mr. Rickard stated he would call the city office in Urbana, IL to inquire if students run for office.
    - iii. Add population of students in each district
    - iv. Parts will overlap with Mr. Ranker's section.
- f. Continuity – Ms. Eidelman
    - i. Will need to add some narrative
    - ii. The information on 2 or 4 year elections from Mr. Rickard's information should be incorporated into this section.

4. New business
   - a. Mr. Thurston and Mr. Boliek will work together to draft and format an outline, executive summary and appendices for the committee to review. Comments and edits of the reports should be sent by close of business on Friday, April 19 to Mr. Thurston and Mr. Boliek.
   - b. The next meeting will be Monday, April 29 at 7:30pm.

Mr. Boliek made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rickard seconded. The motion carries 8-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary.