

**Deer Park Charter Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2020**

Members in attendance: Casey Berling, David Chachoff, Joe Comer, Mark Harris, Mike Icenogle, Jackie Jarvis, David Kreuter, Mark Manning

Members absent: Chris Hedger, Carl Marshall, John Lavelle, Donna Reno, Tom Reno, Regina Tassell, Mary Helen Tegenkamp

Guest participants: Bryan Pacheco, Consultant

Chair Mark Manning called the meeting to order.

Motion by Mark Manning to appoint Casey Berling as interim secretary this meeting, in Mrs. Tassell's absence.

Second by David Chachoff

Motion carried

Public hearing commenced.

No public comments made.

Commission members then discussed previously heard public hearing comments from Mr. Tassell, from May 26, related to the charter commission draft. Quorum of 8 were in attendance.

Motion by Joe Comer to uphold how Title 3, section 3, paragraph 3 is written.

Second by Mark Manning

Discussion by commission involved comments made about the wording of this section in relation to staggered terms. It was brought to light that this was just a minor miscommunication. The miscommunication was resolved.

Motion carried

Motion by Joe Comer to uphold as written, that the electorate will separately elect the mayor.

Second by David Kreuter

Discussion by commission involved need for electorate to have a voice in election of mayor, and so that the mayor isn't directly elected by the council.

Motion carried

Motion by Joe Comer to uphold as written, that the mayor will have veto power.

Second by David Chachoff

Discussion by commission involved need for mayor not just to act as a figure head for council. To give mayor veto powers in legislation, allows for checks and balances. If needed commission can determine against mayoral veto with quorum of 8/15 members.

Motion carried

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold, as written, solicitor role and functionalities will remain the same, and the solicitor will be appointed by mayor, and not by city manager.

Second by Joe Comer

Discussion by commission involved need for solicitor to not have loyalties solely with the city manager. That the solicitor should be a holistic position in which they deal with commission, council, mayor, and city manager equally.

Motion carried

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold as written, keeping council at 7 electors of municipality.

Second by Mike Icenogle

Discussion by commission involved need for council to remain at 7. Firstly due in part to majority vote. This is so that if the number was only 5, and only 2 council members could attend, quorums could prove hard to obtain. It was also discussed that 7 council members represent the electorate as more of a whole.

Motion carried

Motion by Mark Manning to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Joe Comer

Motion carried

Minutes submitted by Casey Berling.

Next Meeting Tuesday June 2, 2020

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Deer Park Municipal Building Council Chamber Room