

**Deer Park Charter Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2020**

Members in attendance: Casey Berling, Joe Comer, Mark Harris, Chris Hedger, Mike Icenogle, Jackie Jarvis, John Lavelle, Mark Manning, Carl Marshall, Donna Reno, Tom Reno, Regina Tassell

Members absent: David Chachoff, David Kreuter, Mary Helen Tegenkamp

Guest participants: Bryan Pacheco, Consultant

Chair Mark Manning called the meeting to order

Motion by Mark Manning to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting.

Second by Joe Comer

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Mark Manning to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 public hearing.

Second by Joe Comer

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-no, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle - no Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-no, Donna Reno-no, Tom Reno-no, Regina Tassell-yes

Motion carried 7-5

Motion by Mark Manning to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2020 public hearing.

Second by Joe Comer

Discussion ensued regarding more detailed discussion points needed to be added to these minutes.

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-no, Joe Comer-no, Mark Harris-no, Chris Hedger-no, Mike Icenogle-no, Jackie Jarvis-no, John Lavelle-no, Mark Manning-no, Carl Marshall-no, Donna Reno-no, Tom Reno-no, Regina Tassell-no

Motion Failed

Revised minutes will be submitted at the next meeting.

The commission members discussed the items that were previously voted on at the May 30 public hearing, since several commission members had not been present.

Commission members discussed the rationale for the solicitor being appointed by the Mayor and approved by the council vs. being appointed by and reporting to the City Manager. Rationale was given that the solicitor will represent the entire city, and should therefore have some oversight from the highest level of the mayor and city council.

Commission members discussed the issue of a directly elected mayor with veto powers. Views were presented that this will provide a potential for conflict if the mayor and council are at odds and that the mayor, if chosen within the elected council members, would then be involved in collaboration with the remainder of council for all legislative issues, and not just have the power to veto. Other views were presented that the people need to have the voice to directly elect their mayor rather than let the elected council members choose from among themselves. They felt the veto was valuable for the mayor to weigh in on legislation.

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold Title III, section 3, paragraph 3 as written, setting forth the staggered terms of the respective councilmembers after the Charter's adoption.

Second by Joe Comer

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-yes

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold Title IV, Section 2 as written, providing that the voters will separately elect the mayor.

Second by Joe Comer

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-no

Motion carried 11-1

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold Title V, Section 6 as written, providing that the mayor will have veto power in certain circumstances.

Second by Joe Comer

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-no

Motion carried 11-1

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold Title VII as written, setting forth the solicitor role and duties.

Second by Joe Comer.

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-yes

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Mark Manning to uphold Title III, Section 3, keeping council at seven members.

Second Chris Hedger

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-yes

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Joe Comer to approve the Charter Draft A

Second by Carl Marshall

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-no

Motion carried 11-1

Motion by Mark Manning that we submit the Charter Draft A that was just approved to Deer Park City Council for placement on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot.

Second by Chris Hedger

Roll call vote: Casey Berling-yes, Joe Comer-yes, Mark Harris-yes, Chris Hedger-yes, Mike Icenogle-yes, Jackie Jarvis-yes, John Lavelle-yes, Mark Manning-yes, Carl Marshall-yes, Donna Reno-yes, Tom Reno-yes, Regina Tassell-no

Motion carried 11-1

Motion by Joe Comer to add a Charter Commission meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7pm via phone.

Second by Casey Berling

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Joe Comer to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Jackie Jarvis

Motion carried unanimously

Minutes respectfully submitted by Regina Tassell, Deer Park Charter Commission Secretary

Next Meeting Thursday June 2, 2020

7:00 pm

Go to Meeting – info will be provided by Dr. Jetter