

The June 29 meeting of the Charter Review Committee was called to order by Chairman Phil Reed at 6:36. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Stafford who came late.

The minutes were approved after a correction was made on the vote number for the residency question. It should have been a 5-0 affirmative vote. The motion to approve as amended was made by Rev. Ames and seconded by Ms. Henry.

The Committee focused on the specific changes that had been discussed. Chairman Reed submitted several written suggestions for discussion. All pages submitted are attached to the minutes, with any changes made.

Article 2, 203 (Coouncil acting as a body) was amended by removing one sentence from the article. (see attachment). The motion to approve was made by Chairman Reed and seconded by Dr. Stafford. The motion was unanimously passed to submit this change as worded to the County Council.

Section 209 (Removal of Council members) was passed 5-1 with a motion by Ms. Henry and a second by Rev. Ames. Mr. Coulson opposed the motion. It will be submitted as part of the changes suggested to the County.

Section 213b (redistricting) was amended in several parts of the wording. (see attachment). This will be an addition to section 213. The article was passed with Dr. Stafford making the motion and a second by Ms. Henry. The vote to accept this article after the amendments was unanimous.

Article 4 section 404 Executive Branch (Non Interference). An addition to this section was presented. The first paragraph which is already in the Charter would become (a). The following would become section (b):

Non Interference from the Executive Branch: Neither Council or any member thereof shall give orders publicly or privately to any subordinate of the County Manager.”

The motion to approve was made by Dr. Stafford and seconded by Ms. Dukes. It was passed unanimously.

Sections 405 (Hiring and removal of County Manger) is still being worked on. Chairman Reed suggested we separate the hiring and firing of the County Manager into two sections. The wording and finalization of those sections will be considered at the next meeting.

Section 212 (Investigations) add to the section “at the conclusion, the County Council shall provide a public statement of findings within 30 days, when applicable.” Motion to approve made by Chairman Reed and seconded by Dr. Stafford. Passed unanimously.

Other items to be discussed and finalized at the next meeting are sections on ethics, department heads, broadcasting, transparency, Charter Committee and the 2 year removed from a Council person applying for County Manager position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned a 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be 6:30 on July 6 at the Bucktown facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dukes