
Danny Lee, Mayor
Brent McWaters, Position 3
Desiree David, Position 4

Chuck Thompson, Member
Tanya Clark, Member
Alice Rios, City Secretary

1. Roll Call. Brent McWaters and Desiree David absent all other board members present.
2. Invocation – None given. Pledge to USA Flag and Texas Flag-
3. Motion made by Chuck Thompson on approval for minutes from July 16, 2024 Charter Review Meeting second by Tonya Clark. Motion carries 3-0.
4. Mayor Danny Lee spoke of the importance of reviewing the Home Rule Charter being it is outdated and Cleveland's growth. Tommy Ramsey spoke of the process in reviewing the Charter. Danny Lee spoke of how it is hard to achieve long term goals with short-term leaders. Maybe looking into making a change in the election terms from two years to three as well as adding another council member and allowing the Mayor to vote could alleviate this issue. Emilio Levario brought attention to listing Liberty County to wording on section regarding surrounding counties. Sean Anderson spoke of when doing TML paperwork that goes through the state they have to make sure all three counties are listed. Chuck Thompson spoke of the ability of the Mayor being able to vote on any issue not just when there is a tie. Tommy Ramsey spoke of the difference between a General Law City and Home Charter Rule City. Scott Swigert did speak to councilman Brent McWaters to see if there was anything he wanted them to discuss being he was not going to attend. Brent McWaters is at a neutral point at this time would like to make sure if this is recommended that the right justification and good reasons for making those changes. Scott Swigert spoke of the process that would have to be considered if a council member was to be added such as how the terms would play out if an election was to be held and approved. Chuck Thompson is on board with the change hoping this change will help in the process of getting projects approved in a timely manner. Tonya Clark asked clarification on in order to add a council member or allow the Mayor to vote the Charter would have to be voted on. Her concern is how this information would be provided to the community. Emilio Levario asked what the material difference between 302 and 303. Tommy Ramey explained the difference. Mayor Danny Lee spoke in reference to school board and other cities same size as us not getting paid for serving on council. Tonya Clark asked if there was room in the budget to increase the amount if funds are available why not take it into consideration. Chuck Thompson spoke of looking at surrounding cities and what is paid. Sean Anderson asked when the last time there was a pay increase. Tommy Ramsey spoke of if the pay rate was to increase it would not increase in the current term for council members or mayor. Scott Swigert spoke of the City's reimbursement policy paying for conferences, trainings and mileage. Tommy Ramsey spoke of section 307 in regards to keeping employment decision out of Council. Scott Swigert asked in regards to 305 was it common that the Mayor shall preside over the City Council meeting within the first quarter of the calendar year and deliver a State of the City address to the City Council and the members of the public. Mayor Danny Lee spoke of State of the City being done every year in the

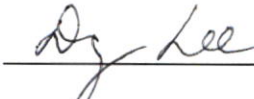
past the only difference this year it was done at the Chambers Luncheon. Scott Swigert spoke of section 3.06 vacancies section A. Tommy Ramsey spoke of getting clarification on the time frame allowed. Scott Swigert spoke of section 308 on how council can request an item for agenda.

Adjournment

Danny Lee motion to adjourn the meeting, at 8:03 p.m.



Juanita Limon, Deputy City Secretary



Danny Lee, Mayor