

CITY OF BURNET CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

On this the 14th day of December, 2023, the 2023/2024 Charter Review Committee of the City of Burnet convened at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Burnet, Council Chambers, 2402 S. Water (Hwy. 281 South), Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Call to Order: Mayor Gary Wideman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call: In attendance: Gary Wideman, Philip Thurman, David Vaughn, Charlie Zech, Kelly Dix, Habib Erkan, Jr., Ken Graham, Calib Williams, Stan Hemphill were present.

Paul Farmer was absent.

Approval of the 10-12-2023 Charter Review Committee Minutes: Committee Member Gary Wideman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Committee Member Ken Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and recommend changes to the City of Burnet Charter: Committee Member David Vaughn provided a written copy of the report to be provided to City Council for acceptance that included the measure and proposition language for each amendment for review and acceptance by the committee.

Measure A

Proposition A

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to clarify the Mayor's authority to delay a vote on a matter?

Committee Member Kenneth Graham moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Philp Thurman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure B

Proposition B

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to require a two-thirds vote of remaining City Council members to declare a vacancy on City Council?

Committee Member Stan Hemphill moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Calib Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure C

Proposition C

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to authorize the adoption and publication of ordinances consistent with state law and City Council policy?

Committee Member Stan Hemphill moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Gary Wideman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure D

Proposition D

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to clarify that the Mayor is a member of City Council?

Committee Member Kenneth Graham moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Gary Wideman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure E

Proposition E

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to provide that the municipal court presiding judge serves at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council?

Committee Member Kenneth Graham moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Stan Hemphill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure F

Proposition F

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to provide that elections shall be held consistent with state law?

Committee Member Calib Williams moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Gary Wideman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure G

Proposition G

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to delete and amend those sections which are repetitive of or inconsistent with State law?

Committee Member Stan Hemphill moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Kenneth Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure H

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to require the City Council's goals and objectives be included in the budget?

Committee Member Gary Wideman moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Stan Hemphill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure I

Proposition I

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to delete or revise inconsistent and obsolete provisions?

Committee Member Stan Hemphill moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Calib Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Measure J

Proposition J

Shall the City Charter of the City of Burnet be amended to provide that the City Secretary and Assistant City Secretaries are hired by the City Manager without the need for consent of the City Council?

Committee Member Kenneth Graham moved to approve the proposition and measure as presented. Committee Member Philp Thurman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee also discussed Page 18, Article X, 10.01 Section B clarifying that the City Hall phone numbers and addresses should be used when providing contact information for the Council, Boards and Committees of the City. No changes were voted on for Section B.

Committee Chair Philip Thurman requested certificates of appreciation for all who have served on the committee.

Adjourn: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Philip Thurman, Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kelly Dix, City Secretary