



**Minutes of the Charter Review Commission from Tuesday May 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Charter Review Commission Members Present: Dennis Campbell, Rick Charles,  
Amy Jones, Nancy Binzel,

Charter Review Commission Members Absent: Christina Staats, Janice Arch, Denny  
Mariola

City Officials Present: Drew Reilly, Steve Hooten, Hannah  
Morris, Cyle Feldman

**3. Approval of Minutes**

• **Approval of Town Hall on May 20, 2025, Minutes**

Motion made by Nancy Binzel, seconded by Amy Jones to approve May 20,  
2025, minutes.

Vote – Yeas: Rick Charles, Nancy Binzel, Amy Jones, Dennis Campbell

Nays – None. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2025**

Motion made by Rick Charles, seconded by Nancy Binzel to approve May 21,  
2025, minutes.

Vote – Yeas: Rick Charles, Nancy Binzel, Amy Jones, Dennis Campbell

Nays – None. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Old Business**

- Meeting with Council Follow-up Discussion

Mr. Charles felt that it was a good meeting, that it felt positive and that he now feels like the ball is now in council's court. He was disappointed that more council members did not come, but was glad that they did get two to come to discuss. He stated he did not really get any real pro's or con's with the discussion items.

Ms. Binzel stated she did speak with President Feldman after. That the discussion really comes down to 4 different topics, being term limits, lengths of terms, staggering of elections and the others being housekeeping item changes to clean up the language in the existing charter. She stated that Rank Choice Voting also stands alone. She stated that she did not feel as if this current council would consider passing anything regarding Rank Choice Voting, that there has not been enough time to really understand it and it would be hard for them to support something they do not fully understand.

Mr. Charles stated based on the feedback he has gotten that he agrees. He does feel though he would like to see the commission go ahead and send something to council regarding Rank Choice Voting, it may not get council approval this time around, but the conversation has started regarding it. That allows citizens to stand up and discuss it as well. Due to this being the biggest discussion topic from town halls, meeting comments as well as just having discussion with residents.

Mr. Campbell stated that with his conversation with President Feldman that he feels like he does understand what the commission is trying to do with a lot of the housekeeping or cleanup items that they are wanting to or have submitted to council, and the other changes that the commission is proposing. That it also gives them the chance if they do not want to put on for the election this fall that they can use them to submit after for the next election as well. With Rank Choice Voting, he felt especially after the Town Hall, that there is a chunk for it, a chunk against it and whole bunch of confusion in between. Mr. Campbell is still on board submitting a recommendation to council of having a separate commission regarding Rank Choice Voting just to provide the education surrounding it.

*Christina Staats arrived approx. 6:47pm*

He would like to see both Rank Choice Voting and changing of the number of wards have a separate commission regarding those topics. To allow more conversation and continue the current conversation around those two discussion pieces.

Mr. Charles feels that since Rank Choice Voting has been the topic that residents have come to discuss or reached out to talk about, they owe it to those residents to send a change to council. He feels the commission needs to send the changes they have discussed since none of the changes have been adopted in both 2015 and 2020.

- Draft of Proposed change to Section 21.08 Term Limits for Elected Officials

Mr. Reilly had said the next few agenda items were listed to get feedback of what the commission would like to see drafted and the language they would like to see represented in the draft pieces. He stated that the Law Department could have multiple versions that way then the commission could vote at the next meeting on the version they like best to move forward to council.

Mr. Campbell wanted to see four-year terms and having them staggered would be important draft to see. Having it where the ward seats run the same year as the Law Director, Finance Director and Mayor, then the At-Large Council seats run the opposite.

Mr. Reilly stated that they could have that as well as having a table of how it would affect any current or upcoming new members of council if this get passed and put into effect. Mr. Reilly stated as well there would be multiple sections within the charter changed in one ordinance just because it would affect more than one section of the charter.

- Follow up discussion on Rank Choice Voting Draft

Mr. Campbell stated that they will have the Law Department draw up a draft since one member of commission has requested it.

Mr. Reilly stated they will do a ordinance draft implementing Rank Choice Voting but asked if they would like to see a draft of a recommendation to create a special commission on Rank Choice Voting that way if they choose to not pass the ordinance, they would have the alternative.

The commission stated they would like to see that as well as the ordinance draft.

Ms. Staats had asked if they could have language in the ordinance reflecting what could happen with Senate Bill 63.

Mr. Reilly stated that he would not feel comfortable putting that type of language into a charter document, since it would not technically be violating any sort of State Law but more of having a negative impact on budgeting. Also, he stated he could add language into the justification memos regarding Senate Bill 63 and adding that council takes that into consideration as well.

Mr. Charles asked how it would be drawn out within the legislation. Mr. Reilly stated that it would be laid out exactly how the voting process would be and that it could potentially be lengthy wording to make it clear how it would work.

- Follow up discussion on changes to number of wards.

Mr. Reilly stated that he could do the commission piece as well with this discussion. To have a piece implanting a change in number of wards but also having council appoint a commission specifically to discuss and research changing the number of wards.

Mr. Charles stated that they could put it in the charter that they request the change from four (4) wards to six (6) wards and then it would be councils' responsibility to make that change.

*Janice Arch arrived approx. 7:06 pm*

Mr. Campbell wanted to know if it could break down the implantation process of when it needed to be done. They discussed if and how difficult it would be to make this change. He also asked when the last time the Ward lines were changed.

Mr. Reilly stated they have not changed since 2001.

Mr. Hooten stated they could put in the justification memo of why they think the wards needed changed and the data to support the change.

Mr. Campbell had asked then to have drafts having a ward number changing to 6 wards in 2029, 2027 or 2031 as well as the commission piece to just have a special commission to discuss changing the number of wards from 4 to 6.

President Feldman was in the audience and stated that he would like to call a special Committee of the Whole meeting with council where the Charter Review Commission is the only agenda item. He suggested July 8<sup>th</sup> to the commission. He wants to be able to have more council members being available and having to have conversations with the Charter Review members and to have open communication.

The commission thanked President Feldman for that suggestion.

## **5. New Business**

- Tentative drafts of term limit changes
- Tentative drafts of staggered term limits

Both new business agenda items were discussed in length during the old business sections.

6. **Public Comment** –. No other public comment for tonight's meeting

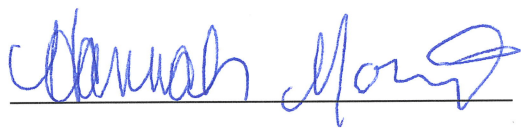
7. **Other** –.

Mr. Reilly had given the members of the commission a handout of memos of rationale for the existing changes they have submitted to council. He stated that he will also have these memos created for the drafts that will be done by the next meeting as well. This will provide council with the commission's rationale behind the changes as well as future charter review commissions on why the commission had wanted to implement these potential changes so there is no guessing of why. He stated he would have them ready for review in case any changes or additions needed to be made before they meet next week.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Nancy Binzel, seconded by Amy Jones, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.



Clerk



Chairman