



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

City Council Workshop

Minutes

December 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Admin Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz, Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Director of Public Works Melchert, Mgr of Public Utilities Deman, Fire Chief Taylor, Management Intern Hagge

Mr. Tanghe and Mr. Beckerleg explained the purpose of a Charter Commission. It was noted that a revision is considered a fundamental change to government and would require a Charter Commission be established. Minor amendments to the Charter would not require a Charter Commission. Mr. Beckerleg explained that each amendment would be a separate ballot question. The ballot question language must be approved by the Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office prior to appearing on the ballot. It was noted that if it is determined that minor amendments are needed, they would have to be approved by Council in March and would appear on the August, 2020 ballot.

Council discussed various sections of the Charter. In regards to Section 4.30, Council requested a list of the current Board/Commission member compensation. Section 6.2(b) was discussed regarding central purchasing. It was suggested that this be a workshop topic. In regards to Section 7.7, Council requested the quarterly financial reports. Council also requested that the minor spelling errors throughout the document be corrected as well.

Council agreed to move forward with the following minor amendments to the Charter. Mr. Beckerleg will prepare the ballot question language.

SECTION	REVISION	EXISTING LANGUAGE
Entire Charter	Add gender neutral language throughout the Charter	Various
3.7	Remove 8:00 PM provision Change to the next "regular" City Council meeting following the election.	Sec. 3.7. - Elective officers and terms of office. At each regular city election there shall be elected four (4) councilmen and such additional number as may be required to fill vacancies pursuant to the provisions of this Charter. The three (3) receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for four (4) years, and the one receiving the fourth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, a number equal to the number of vacancies being filled (if any) who shall receive the next highest number of votes in order, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office of the councilmen shall commence on the second Monday next following the date of the regular city

		election at which they were elected, at 8:00 p.m., local time.
4.8	Change to allow Council to appoint an individual to the vacant position.	<p>Sec. 4.8. - Vacancies.</p> <p>Any vacancy occurring on the city council shall be filled within thirty (30) days after such vacancy shall have occurred by the city council appointing that person who was the highest vote getter of those persons running for city council in the last regular city election that were not elected to the city council with said appointee to serve until the second Monday next following the next regular city election following his appointment. If the person who was the highest vote getter of those persons running for city council in the last regular city election and that were not elected to the city council is unable and/or unwilling to serve on the city council, then the vacancy occurring on the city council shall be filled within thirty (30) days after such vacancy shall have occurred by the concurring vote of at least a remaining four (4) members of the city council with said appointee to serve until the second Monday next following the next regular city election following his appointment and, if the city council fails to make such appointment within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy, the election commission shall call a special election to fill the vacancy, to be held not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and to be otherwise governed by the election provisions of this Charter and state statutes.</p> <p>(Election of November 5, 2002, § 3)</p>
4.9a	Remove (a) as state law governs it.	<p>Sec. 4.9. - Restrictions concerning officers.</p> <p>(a) Except where authorized by law, no councilman shall hold any other city office or city employment during the term for which he was elected to the council. This shall not apply to appointed city boards or commissions or to volunteer firemen.</p> <p>(b) Neither the council nor any of its members shall in any manner dictate the appointment or removal of any city administrative officers or employees whom the manager or any of his subordinates are empowered to appoint, but the council may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.</p> <p>(c) Except for the purpose of official inquiries and investigations, the council or its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the manager solely through the manager, and neither the council nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately.</p>

4.10 (a) & (b)	Combine (a) & (b) to state that salary & benefits are set by the Elected Officials Compensation Commission	Sec. 4.10. - Salaries of members of the council. (a) Each member of the council shall receive, as remuneration for his service to the city, the sum of four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4,300.00) per year. In addition to his remuneration as a member of the council, the mayor shall receive the additional sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year. Such salaries shall be payable monthly and, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, shall constitute the only salary or remuneration which may be paid for services performed by members of the council for the discharge of any official duty for or on behalf of the city during their term of office. Upon authorization of the council, reasonable expenses may be allowed when actually incurred on behalf of the city. (b) Provisions of this section shall be subject to the review of a compensation commission, to be established by ordinance in accordance with statute.
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The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk