

MINUTES PREPARED BY GRAY.

APRIL 20, MEETING MEMBERS

AGREED THAT
PUBLIC COMMENTS
WOULD ONLY BE
REFLECTED IN
AUDIO.

Fiorelli 1-5-16

2015 South Euclid Charter Review Commission

March 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

South Euclid City Hall Community Room

349 South Green Road

South Euclid, Ohio 44121

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Dennis Fiorelli. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charter Review Commission Attendance: Dennis Fiorelli, Modesto Romeo, Ruth Gray, Denise Turner, Ed Ilove, Georgine Welo, and Marty Gelfand. Absence-Michael Shaughnessy

Fiorelli provided a written outline of the format. See written introduction of Members & Format.

Public Comments

Proposal #1

Robert Frey- 1299 So. Green Road. He stated that he was not certain if he was reading the same material. He asked if it was a practice to recues one's self from voting on legislation if there was a conflict, such as a person receiving a campaign contribution and voting on legislation. He commented that the language should be more defined. Fiorelli stated that his purpose in recommending this charter change was to ere on the side of the residents when there is a conflict.

William McClaughlin , 4286 Elmwood. He stated that Jack... had to resign from public employment when he accepted another position. He believes that exceptions can be made in certain cases.

Greg Byers 1596 Wrenford, asked the chairman for an example. Fiorelli stated that Solon City Council is currently experiencing an issue as one of the councilpersons will assume a county position. Byers asked if this would be applicable to all employees, like firemen and police? Fiorelli responded that it deals directly with council.

Carlean Alford, Belvoir Mews. Instead of a person losing their job, why not have the person remove themselves when there is a conflict? How many times has there been a conflict? Did they recues themselves? Council needs to investigate how many times has there been a conflict? How many times has this been a problem over the course of three years?

Charles Turner, stated that he can't understand where the CRC is going with this. The mayor has just as much potential conflict. He suggested that if the changes going to be fair it should be applicable to everyone. He suggested that it should be a part of the discussion. He also suggested that the mayor be added to the amendment.

Proposal #2

No public comments

Proposal #3

No Public Comments

Proposal #4

Gelfand presented gave history on proposal.

Carlean Alford asked if all directors were appointed. Someone responded saying that the police and fire chief are civil service positions. The law director has a dual role. He represents both the administration and council.

William McClaughlin Asked if the mayor resigned or if there is a new mayor, will the new mayor be able to appoint another law director.

Jim Lawless asked what the burden to reaffirming the law director is.

Don Lissy- Asked if the appointment of the law director at the discretion of the new mayor?

Charles Turner

Robert Frey

Avery McCauley

Proposal #5

Jim Lawless

Carlean Alford

Robert Frey

William McClaughlin

Proposal # 6

Ebony Daniels

Linda Pagan

Don Lissy

William McClaughlin

Robert Frey

Jason Russel

Proposal #7

McClaughlin

Proposal #8

Jim Lawless

Charles Turner

Don Lissy

Linda Pagan

Jim Sterkel

Greg Byers

Robert Frey

Avery McCauley



COME TOGETHER & THRIVE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Review Commission of the City of South Euclid will hold a public hearing on **March 16, 2015 at 7 pm** to hear and solicit feedback regarding proposed Charter Review Commission Proposals to be considered for the November 3, 2015 General Election.

The Public Hearing will take place on March 16, 2015 at South Euclid City Hall, 2nd Floor, 1349 South Green Road, South Euclid, Ohio.

Charter Review Commission Agendas and Proposals are available for review on the Charter Review Commission Page located on city's website at www.cityofsoutheuclid.com or call 216.381.0400 ext. 234 if you would like copies and do not have access to a computer/internet.

Dennis Fiorelli, Chairman, Charter Review Commission

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City of South Euclid 2015 Charter Amendment Proposals for Consideration
As of March 16, 2015

& Proposed by

Article/Section

Proposal

Benefits/Reasons

<p>1. Fiorelli Article II – Council Section 2. Qualifications</p>	<p>Proposal to change italics sentence to read: <i>Council shall NOT allow, nor take any action to permit, any public employment that is or maybe in conflict with the best interests of the residents of South Euclid and ensuring South Euclid will receive maximum consideration in discretionary matters. All judgments shall error on the side of the residents of South Euclid.</i></p>	<p>This change will help ensure the interests of South Euclid will be protected from conflicts. It will also help clarify what is expected and reduce judgments.</p>
<p>2. Fiorelli Article XI – Amendments to Charter</p>	<p>Adopt the State Constitution standard: The percentage of electors required (10 percent) to sign shall be based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.</p>	<p>This change is consistent with State Constitution. It would further disclose more reliable and accurate data to the community.</p>
<p>3. Gelfand Throughout</p>	<p>Currently, throughout the charter, pronouns refer to the male gender, e.g., "he", "him." I want to change the language of the charter to reflect gender neutral pronouns, or where possible, to eliminate the pronoun. E.g., replace "he" with "he or she", or replace "he" with "the Mayor."</p>	
<p>4. Gelfand Article 5 Section 12</p>	<p>... The head of each department shall be a director appointed by the Mayor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. However, the appointment of the Law Director shall be for a term concurrent with that for which the Mayor is elected for the full term beginning January 1, 2016. The newly elected (or re-elected) Mayor shall nominate a Law Director by January 1 of the full term commencing and Council shall confirm or reject the Mayor's appointment no later than January 31st of the year of appointment. Failure by Council to confirm or reject the appointee by January 31st of the appointment year shall result in automatic confirmation of the Mayor's appointee</p>	
<p>5. Gray Article XIII Ethics and Standards Section 4. Disclosure of Private Interest in Legislation</p>	<p>Conflict of Interest Statement Public officials shall not engage in activities which might tend to impair his or her independence of judgment, seek unwarranted privileges influenced or have an interest in enterprises which might be influenced by decisions he or she make on behalf of the City. He or She shall act in accordance with any existing or future standards or codes of ethics. No Public officials shall have an unlawful interest in a public contract (See ORC. 2921.42). Beginning on 2 January 2016, all public officials of South Euclid must complete and sign a Conflict of Interest statement by the 2nd council meeting of February. This process will occur each year following implementation. Any and all conflicts that may affect your decisions or conduct (vote, recommendations for hire, bidding contracts, professional services) must be disclosed in writing and presented to council. All signed Conflict of Interest documents will be part of public records.</p>	<p>More transparency</p>

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# & Proposed by Article/Section	Proposal	Benefits/Reasons
6. Icove Article XI - A: Charter Review Commission.	The Charter Review Commission ("CRC") shall consist of 11 commissioners.	Guarantees that at least three members of the CRC will not hold some other elected public office in the City.
7. Romeo Article XI-A - Charter Review Commission	(Second Paragraph at the end) - Each member of the Charter Review Commission shall be a qualified elector of the City, shall have resided continuously therein for not less than three years next preceding his election and shall continue to reside therein during his term in office.	Charter Review Commission members should be aware of what impact the City Charter has had on the community to help make a rational review and decision regarding the charter. Being a resident for three years would hopefully allow a member to be well informed regarding the charter.
8. Welo Article VII	The City of South Euclid City Council shall sponsor a Resolution requesting the merging of the South Euclid Municipal Court with the Lyndhurst Regional Court once affirmed by the voters in November 2015.	To allow the City of South Euclid Independent Municipal Court to merger with the Lyndhurst Regional Court. The Lyndhurst Court operates on the court costs they collect and returns all City fines to the municipalities.