

Charter Review Commission  
Monday, March 4, 2019  
Council Chambers

Name	Present	Absent
Brooks Boliek	X (7:35)	
Cameron Thurston	X	
Dan Alpert	X	
John Krouse	X	
Nathan Rickard	X	
Nora Eidelman	X (7:50)	
Normand Bernache	X	
Peter King	X	
Ray Ranker	X (7:38)	
Virdina Gibbs	X (7:40)	

Guests: Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary

Mr. Thurston called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

1. Review and approve February 11, 2019 minutes: **A motion was made by Mr. Thurston and seconded by Mr. Bernache to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes without amendment. Motion carried 6-0-0.**
2. Review and approve February 11, 2019 Public Forum verbatim comments: **A motion was made by Mr. Thurston and seconded by Mr. Krouse to approve the February 11, 2019 Public Forum verbatim comments without amendment. Motion carried 6-0-0.**
3. Additional documentation for posting. Ms. Miller said she would check the website for the following documents:
  - a. Maryland Municipal League Survey, College Park voter statistics and History of College Park Mayors and Councils
  - b. Mr. Rickard stated that he will forward a copy of the City of Bowie resolution to the committee for consideration for posting.
4. Ms. Miller was asked for the following information to be circulated to the committee:
  - a. Video clips from two 2017 Council meetings where 2- v. 4-year terms were discussed by Mayor, Council and staff.
  - b. Cost of City of College Park elections for the past 10 years.
  - c. Salary of Mayor and Councilmembers for the past 10 years.
5. Other discussion items:
  - a. Mr. Rickard said he will find information on other Big 10 towns and terms of office for Mayor and Council.
  - b. Can a hyperlink be added to the CRC page and direct residents to comment section?

- c. Mr. Ranker volunteered to work on writing a summary of the elections: cost of campaigns, number of incumbents re-elected, time invested in campaigning and raising funds, how many people run for re-election.
  - d. Mr. Boliek will draft the piece about the staff resources to on-board new Councilmembers.
  - e. All resident comments should be included in the report.
  - f. Will the SGA have any comments? Mr. Alpert stated the SGA is aware of the CRC and he does not know if they will come forth with comments. He will remind the SGA on Wednesday evening about the March 11 Public Forum.
6. Themes for Report to Mayor and Council. The committee discussed several themes to include in the report:
  - a. Voter participation
  - b. Frequency of Campaigns: Time spent and Cost/Finances
  - c. University Student participation
  - d. Continuity of issues – are two-year terms long enough?
  - e. Onboarding of new council members – staff perspective
  - f. Commitment to 4 year terms
  - g. Cost of running elections
7. The second Public Forum is Monday, March 11, 2019 at Davis Hall. Providing there is time after the forum, there will be a business meeting. An additional meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers. Ms. Eidelman suggested that a reminder be sent to all civic associations about the next public forum.

Mr. Ranker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Boliek seconded. All in favor; no opposed. The motion carries 10-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary.