

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### DEARBORN CHARTER COMMISSION

Mayor's Conference Room

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Chairman Bazy called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m. A roll call was then taken. Present were: David Bazy, Mary M. Bugeia, Stephen S. Dobkowski, Jr., Paula Hamilton-Stokes, Thomas Patrick Korte, Mary K. Petlichkoff, Ganelle Shooshanian, and Raymond Thomas Trudeau. Absent: John Jay Hubbard. Also present: Kathleen Buda, City Clerk and Debra Walling, Corporation Counsel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bugeia and seconded by Commissioner Korte to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A letter was distributed by Commissioner Trudeau and Chairman Bazy decided that the letter should be placed on the agenda for the February 7, 2006 meeting.

It was decided that Section 3.4. Board of Ethics would be added to the agenda for the February 7, 2006 meeting for review. It was suggested that the Commissioners review the document and be ready to discuss the item at that time.

Following a discussion of **Chapter 5, "General Municipal Powers"**, of the City, a motion was made by Commissioner Trudeau and supported by Commissioner Petlichkoff to make no changes to Chapter 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion of **Chapter 6, "General Provisions Affecting Officers Of the City"**, the following motions were made:

Section 6.1. Elective officers. A motion was made by Commissioner Shooshanian and supported by Commissioner Trudeau to make no changes to this section. The motion was adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Hamilton-Stokes, Korte, Petlichkoff, Shooshanian, Trudeau (7), Nays: Dobkowski (1), Absent: Hubbard (1).

Section 6.2. Qualifications of elective officers. A motion was made by Commissioner Trudeau and supported by Commissioner Bugeia to table this section until the next meeting to be held on February 7, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Section 6.3 Time of election and terms of office. A motion was made by Commissioner Trudeau and supported by Commissioner Dobkowski to make no changes to this section. The motion passed unanimously.

Section 6.4 Vacancies in elective office. A motion was made by Commissioner Bugeia and supported by Commissioner Hamilton-Stokes to amend Section 6.4 to read as follows:

If a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor and the unexpired term is less than one year, the president of the Council may personally fill the vacancy and if that person declines to do so then the Council may elect another member of the Council to fill the vacancy. If no council member will accept the position, **then the vacancy will be filled by the Executive Assistant Mayor if approved by the Council. If Council disapproves or the Executive Assistant Mayor declines,** then the Council shall appoint some other qualified individual. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor and the unexpired term is one year or more, the Council President shall serve as Mayor Pro Tem. An election to fill the unexpired term of office shall be held within ninety days, **but no sooner than 60 days** of the occurrence of the vacancy **or as soon thereafter as permitted by state election laws.** If another election is to be held in the City within ninety days of the date of the election called by the Council, the election shall be held over until such other election.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of Clerk and unexpired term is less than one year, the deputy shall serve as the Acting Clerk for the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the Office of Clerk and the unexpired term is one year or more, the Deputy shall serve as Acting Clerk and an election to fill the unexpired term of office shall be held within ninety days, **but no sooner than 60 days** of the occurrence of the vacancy **or as soon thereafter permitted by state election laws.** The motion passed unanimously

If a vacancy occurs on the Council then the candidate not elected receiving the highest number of votes for the office of council member in the preceding election who is qualified and will accept the position shall be

appointed to fill the vacancy. **Each successive vacancy that occurs on the Council shall be filled in the same manner.** If there is no such person, the Council shall appoint some other qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bazy declared a recess at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 6:12 p.m. Present at roll call were Commissioners Bazy, Bugeia, Dobkowski, Hamilton-Stokes, Korte, Petlichkoff, Shooshanian, and Trudeau. Absent: Hubbard.

Section 6.5. Appointive officers. A motion was made by Commissioner Trudeau and supported by Commissioner Bugeia to make no changes to this section. The motion passed unanimously.

Section 6.6. Compensation of officers. A motion was made by Commissioner Trudeau supported by Bugeia to amend the final paragraph to read as follows:

The determination of the commission shall be **voted upon within 30 days following its filing with the City Clerk and shall be effective upon a 2/3 majority vote of** the members elected to and serving on the City Council. If the determination is rejected, the compensation provided in sections 7.2 and 10.2 shall continue. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bazy indicated the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2006 will contain a review of Section 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, Chapter 6, Chapter 7 and Commissioner Trudeau's letter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Korte and supported by Commissioner Hamilton-Stokes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Charter Commission meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved:

S/David Bazy, Chairperson

Attested:

S/Kathleen Buda, CMC, City Clerk