

MINUTES OF MEETING

DEARBORN CHARTER COMMISSION

Mayor's Conference Room
Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M., by the City Clerk, Kathleen Buda. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the commissioners. A roll call was then taken. Present were: David Bazy, Mary M. Bugeia, Stephen S. Dobkowski, Jr., Paula Hamilton-Stokes, John Jay Hubbard, Thomas Patrick Korte, Mary K. Petlichkoff and Ganelle Shooshanian. Absent: Raymond Thomas Trudeau. Also present: Debra Walling, Corporation Counsel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Korte and supported by Commissioner Bazy to set the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. as the date and time for the Charter Commission meetings with a three (3) hour time limit per meeting with two (2) fifteen (15) minute extensions allowed by vote of the Commissioners. The motion was adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Dobkowski, Jr., Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian (8). Nays: None. Absent: Trudeau (1).

The election of a chairperson was conducted by the City Clerk. A motion was made by Commissioners Hamilton-Stokes and Shooshanian to place Commissioner Bazy's name in nomination as chairperson. A motion was made by Commissioners Dobkowski, Jr. and Hubbard to place Commissioner Bugeia's name in nomination of chairperson. There were no further nominations, so the City Clerk closed the nominations for chairperson. By secret ballot Commissioner Bazy was elected chairperson, receiving five votes, while Commissioner Bugeia received three votes.

The Clerk also conducted the election for vice-chairperson. A motion was made by Commissioners Dobkowski, Jr. and Hubbard to place Commissioner

Bugeia's name in nomination of vice-chairperson. A motion was made by Commissioners Bazy and Petlichkoff to place Commissioner Korte's name in nomination of vice-chairperson. There being no further nominations, the City Clerk ordered the nominations closed. By secret ballot Commissioner Korte was elected vice-chairperson, receiving five votes and Commissioner Bugeia received three votes. The City Clerk then turned the meeting over to Chairperson Bazy.

The chairperson then proceeded with a discussion of the approval of rules of order of the Charter Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Bugeia and supported by Commissioner Shooshanian to adopt Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, as adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Dobkowski, Jr., Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian (8). Nays: None. Absent: Trudeau (1).

A discussion ensued regarding clerical support for the Charter Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Shooshanian and supported by Korte authorizing the Human Resources Department to interview and hire a person with clerical expertise to process the Charter Commission minutes. The motion was adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Dobkowski, Jr., Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian (8). Nays: None. Absent: Trudeau (1).

A discussion took place regarding audio and video taping the Charter Commission meetings. The question was delayed until further information could be received from Debra Walling, Corporation Counsel.

A discussion was held regarding refreshments for the Charter Commissioners. Chairperson Bazy objected to the Charter Commission eating at a public meeting and it was suggested that coffee and water be served for the Charter Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bugeia and supported by Korte that in the event that a vacancy occurs on the Charter Commission the candidate not elected receiving the highest number of votes for the Charter Commission in the preceding election who is qualified and will accept the position shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. The motion was adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Dobkowski, Jr., Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian (8). Nays: None. Absent: Trudeau (1). An amendment to the vacancy motion was offered by Commissioner Bugeia and supported by Commissioner Korte to allow the next sequential candidate not elected in the preceding election who is qualified and will accept the position to be appointed to fill another vacancy, if it shall occur and so forth. The motion was adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Dobkowski, Jr., Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian (8). Nays: None. Absent: Trudeau (1).

A discussion was held on attendance for the Charter Commission. Corporation Counsel referred the Commission to Section 6.14 of the City Charter, which enumerates grounds for declaring an elective or appointed office vacant. It was decided that if a Charter Commissioner is unable to attend, the absence should be reported to the City Clerk's Office.

Chairperson Bazy declared a recess at 4:59 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 5:15 P.M. Present at roll call were Commissioners Bazy, Bugeia, Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian. Absent: Commissioners Dobkowski, Jr. and Trudeau.

The Director of Human Resources, Valerie Murphy-Goodrich, submitted payroll sheets for the Charter Commissioners to complete in order to receive compensation for attendance at their meetings.

A discussion took place regarding the preparation of the Agenda for each meeting. It was decided that Corporation Counsel would be responsible for

preparing the Charter Commission Agenda and forwarding the notice to the City Clerk's Office for posting and mailing to the Charter Commissioners. The City Clerk will prepare minutes of Commission Meetings until clerical support is hired.

Chairperson Bazy informed the Commissioners that the Agenda for the next meeting should contain discussion regarding Chapters 1 through Chapter 4 of the Dearborn City Charter.

Commissioner Hamilton-Stokes inquired about conflicts of interest and how to handle them. Corporation Counsel explained the requirements of declaring an interest and recusal from discussion and voting when there is a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

Chairperson Bazy asked whether there were any members of the public who wanted to comment. There were no comments from the public.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Shooshanian and supported by Commissioner Korte. The motion was adopted as follows: Yeas: Bazy, Bugeia, Hamilton-Stokes, Hubbard, Korte, Petlichkoff and Shooshanian (7). Nays: None. Absent: Dobkowski, Jr. and Trudeau (2).

The Charter Commission adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Approved:

S/David Bazy, Chairperson

Attested:

S/Kathleen Buda, CMC, City Clerk