



## Charter Review Committee Minutes

Approved: July 3, 2023

From the Monday, June 5, 2023, 12-2pm Meeting, HHS Building

Member Attendance:

- Leonard Giuliano
- Cheryl Lovell (remote)
- James Marsh-Holschen, Council
- David Mathewes
- Seth Patterson
- Sam Taylor, Chair
- Austin Ward, Council

Staff Attendance: Nancy Rodgers, City and County Attorney; Geoff Wilson, CRC Consultant

The recording for this meeting can be found [HERE](#).

Agenda Items:

1. *Call meeting to order and Roll Call*
2. *Approval of the May 15th [Minutes](#)*
3. *Post-Town Hall discussion*

The Committee discussed the Town Hall that took place on May 24. The discussion included how to gather as much information as possible. There was a feeling that the meeting was not representative of all of Broomfield and a want for an interactive town hall/more town halls (which will be scheduled in the future). The format of the town halls were discussed, from how to engage more and making the discussions less formal. There was also discussion about having presentations from city staff on the budget, goals, and other Council priorities (something like a “mini” orientation).

The Committee discussed more outreach, such as “B-In-the-Loop” newsletter, more Facebook posts, and direct contact to HOAs. Ms. Rodgers will connect with City Communications about these efforts.

4. *Continued Discussion on the Form of Government Charter Provisions*
  - Charter Section - [Chapter IV, specifically Sections 4.1, 4.2](#)

The Committee discussed their general agreement to not recommend changing the City and County Manager form of government. They were also in agreement generally to not recommend a change in how the mayor is elected (at large, from the whole community).

The Committee talked about the size of the Council (currently at 10 with an elected mayor) and committed to continuing to talk about that not necessarily to recommend changing the size but to evaluate it.

The Committee discussed what the Mayor and Council members do, and felt it was important for the Committee to be on the same page as to what those duties are. Mr. Wilson pointed out that there are few mandates for Council, which allows each council member to determine how to fulfill their public obligations. Member Lovell indicated that their work should be guided by the City and County's master plan/strategic plan.

The Committee discussed how populations drive the wards, which impacts elections, and how the representation looks when dividing the Broomfield map north and south. Expectations may be different, which ends up driving the duties for the elected officials. Additionally, in Broomfield, we have one body and one outlet for all local government issues. In other communities, they typically have two (the home city/town and the county).

Chair Taylor summarized the discussion to be general consensus on:

- Mayor is voted at large
- No recommended changes for the mayor pro tem.
- No one on the Committee is in favor of an elected body with only 3 or 4. Reduction discussions are at least 5 or more.

#### ***5. CRC Update to City Council on June 13th - Chair Taylor***

Chair Taylor received input from the CRC on what to include in the short presentation

Chair Taylor requested that the item be moved up on the agenda if possible (it was scheduled to be one of the last items)

#### ***6. Charter Committee Topics for Consideration - Open for Committee Members***

**Adjourn 2pm**

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