



Charter Review Committee Minutes

Approved: July 17, 2023

From the Monday, July 3, 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; Denise Keith, Staff support for CRC

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

Agenda Items:

1. *Call meeting to order and Roll Call*
2. *Approval of the June 5th [Minutes](#)*
3. *Administrative Matters -*
 - Scheduling of the Next Town Hall (interactive, facilitator)

The Committee discussed the scheduling of the next Town Hall meetings. The following dates were agreed upon, Thursday, July 27th, Wednesday, August 23rd, and Monday, September 18th. All Town Hall meetings will be held from 6-8pm.

Ms. Rodgers will reach out to a facilitator contact that the City currently uses and will report back with an update.

4. *Review and discussion of current Charter language and any needed/suggested changes and updates in the following sections ([see Redline Draft](#)):*

Generally, the Committee agreed to add “county” to the “city of Broomfield” throughout the Charter.

- [Prefatory Synopsis/Preamble](#)

The Committee discussed not having a legal requirement for this section and therefore agreed to removing the obsolete language, as well as slimming down and modernizing the language.

- [Chapters I through V](#)

Chapter I - Name - Boundaries.

No changes. The Committee unanimously agreed upon the current language.

Chapter II - Municipal Powers.

The Committee agreed to adding references to the Broomfield Constitutional Amendment, Article XX, Section 10, to make clear that the Constitutional Amendment and R the Charter control.

The Committee agreed to the removal of obsolete language in (c).

Chapter III - Elections.

The Committee agreed to changes noted in the redline draft to avoid conflicts between county election laws and municipal election laws.

Section 3.5, recall to change current language that an election official or elected officer of the City may be recalled at any time after 90 days changed to six months due to timing challenges in the clerk's office.

Chapter IV - Council and Mayor.

The Committee agreed to the redline changes to language and will come back to the bigger issues in this chapter at a later date.

Chapter V - Council Procedure.

The Committee discussed whether study sessions are to be considered council meetings and if public comment is permitted at study sessions. The Committee agreed that Council meets regularly at least twice per month and that at least one of the meetings may be a study session properly noticed and open to the public.

5. Charter Committee Topics for Consideration - Open for Committee Members

The Committee would like to see presentations from city leadership to better understand operations and current priorities. They liked the suggestion of obtaining an unbiased professional facilitator for the Charter meetings to help the Committee think more strategically and in a professional format. There is a stressed interest in getting community input and to add more questions and answer sessions for the public.

Adjourn 2:12pm

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