



## CITY OF PATASKALA

### COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2016

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in special session on May 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM in City Hall, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Fox, Hayes, Barstow, Lee, Hickin, Walther and Carter-present. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding.

Mayor Compton stated, "The purpose of this meeting is to discuss recommendations of the Charter Review Commission and to take any action necessary to prepare legislation for Council's consideration relating to proposed charter changes."

Mayor Compton thanked the 2015 Charter Review Commission for their efforts.

#### Citizens Comments

There were no comments.

Walther asked if it might be possible to make the grammatical changes without having to go to the ballot. Mr. King will discuss that issue with the Law Director.

Lee explained his concerns with the proposed changes to Section 7.04 section (D) last sentence "The Park and Recreation Board may remove the Director or such other employees with or without cause." Council discussed their concerns including that disciplinary actions are the responsibility of the Administrator for all other Directors as referenced in the Charter with an appeal process to City Council.

Fox expressed his concerns with changing the Park Board from an Advisory Board to a Board that makes decisions.

Barstow noted the checks and balances available to Council.

Hickin noted that other boards don't hire and fire employees.

Carter expressed a desire to give a little more authority to the board but employees should still be hired and fired by the City Administrator. She also commented on the School Board appointments.

Hayes expressed her support of Carter's comments.

Mr. Brush noted this is a policy decision, just one suggestion, and it would be a Council decision to modify this recommendation. The Charter Review members explained their process of this review item.

Hickin indicated the person who hires the employee, oversees the employee should also be the person that fires the employee.

Barstow reported upon his review he found significant typos and would review those later.

BJ King, City Administrator explained that the changes submitted to the voters are a Council decision.

Council discussed Section 7.04 (A) and the options for appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board and the desire to have representation from across the city.

Walther explained the benefits of having board members from the school districts.

Hickin discussed the provisions of Section 3.02(B) of the Charter as related to the requirement to be an elector of the city for at least 2 years. Council discussed if it might be a discrimination issue for someone who is 19 years old. Barstow thought this might be an issue for the Law Director to review.

Hickin asked about the difference between affirmative votes versus a majority vote.

Walther also noted the changes to the recall section noting the change from 15% to 20%. Barstow noted the 15% was from the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Mock explained that the 20% was an average from the cities studied. Walther also explained that this is for the last regular municipal election.

Fox asked about the changes to the process of adopting legislation that has been amended at the final reading. Walther explained requiring an additional reading when amended at the third reading was to allow a clean copy to be provided to Council before taking action and to allow the public to have input unless it is deemed an emergency.

Council discussed forming a committee to make the edits to the language.

Mayor Compton appointed an Ad hoc Committee consisting of Mr. Walther, Mr. Hickin, and Mr. Fox to discuss the Charter Review changes and report back to Council no later than June 13, 2016.

Fox made a motion to confirm the Mayor's creation of an Ad hoc Committee consisting of Mr. Walther, Mr. Hickin, and Mr. Fox to discuss the Charter Review changes and report back to Council no later than June 13, 2016. Seconded by Carter. Roll Call: Barstow-no, Lee-yes, Hickin-yes, Walther-yes, Carter-yes, Fox-yes, and Hayes-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.


Fox made a motion to send to Council the recommendation of the 2015 Charter Review Commission. Seconded by Carter. Roll Call: Lee, Hickin, Walther, Carter, Fox, Hayes, and Barstow-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Fox made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lee. Roll Call: Hickin, Walther, Carter, Fox, Hayes, Barstow, and Lee-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved June 6, 2016

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council

  
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Melissa Carter, Council President

