

MINUTES
CITY OF MELISSA CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
MAY 15, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Jason Little.

Members Present: Lance Bauslaugh, Jenifer Branson, Stacey Heckler, and Jessica Wright.

Members Absent: Dr. Steve Rodriquez, Jamie Maddock, Wendy Tillman, Betty Walthall, Courtney Willis

No public comments

On a motion made by Lance Bauslaugh, seconded by Stacey Heckler, the minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting were approved. 4/0

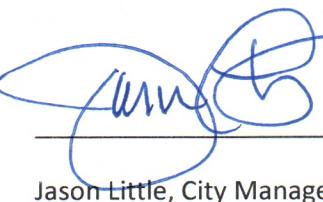
City Manager Jason Little revisited the potential propositions reacted to provisions that are in conflict with State Law. The previous version showed to the Committee suggested striking the sections on Nepotism, Conflicts of Interest, and rules related to the acceptance and/or solicitation of gifts because these acts are governed under the Texas Local Government Code. The committee asked that Staff review alternatives that would make correct any inconsistencies with State Law but also reflected in the Charter in a way that does not appear the City has no rules related to nepotism, conflicts of interest, or gifts. Staff proposed revisions to the wording that stated that City officials are to follow the rules related to the topic that are outlined in State law. This way, the rules are consistent as State Law changes. The Commission felt this revised language reflected better what the intent was and suggested the revised language be incorporated.

The Commission reviewed the proposition language and Charter proposition that would allow the City to charge or accept a petition to be placed on a ballot for a Mayor and/or City Council position. The Committee reviewed and discussed filing charge amount and a minimum signature requirements. The Committee recommended a \$100 fee or a petition with 50 qualified voters in the City of Melissa.

The Committee then reviewed the fourteen (14) proposed propositions to determine if all the questions were worthy of a ballot question to the voters of Melissa. The committee discussed each briefly and decided that all should be recommended to the City Council, who can pick and choose what propositions to ask the voter later in 2023.

There was not a new meeting date set, as the Committee has effectively completed their charge from the Melissa City Council. Jason Little will begin drafting the Committee's report and will work with Stacey Heckler and Jessica Wright on a draft report in the coming weeks. As the Council's date for a formal presentation is known, Jason Little will distribute that information to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Jason Little, City Manager