

**GEORGETOWN CHARTER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020, 7:00 PM
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Anderson, Andrew Dunn, John Paul Durham, Brian Faught, Kelly Heslar, Michelle Hopkins, Greg Housh, Patrick Hornschemeier, Arthur Owens, Gary Potter, Matt Staggs, Zach Triplett, Jeremy Varner, Barb Virost

Members Absent: Amber Becraft-Johnan

Guests Present: Joe Braun, Kelly Cornette, Denise Lewis (left shortly before meeting began), Nancy Montgomery, Natalie Newberry, Tyler Thompson

I. Participation by the Public:

A. Topics discussed by commission so far – No comments.

B. In general – Nancy Montgomery indicated she sent information to Patrick Hornschemeier on public participation for the council meeting.
No other comments.

II. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

One change noted: Page three, second paragraph of Article 9.05: ...effect changed to affect.

No other changes noted, minutes are approved and can be promulgated to the public.

Approval of text discussed at previous meeting, including final revisions to Article IX Administrative Departments

Article 9.01: corrected spelling of the word departments.
No other changes to Article 9.01.

Article 9.04 ...and Law...changed to ...and Solicitor.
No other changes to Article 9.04.

Article 9.08: Removed commas offsetting the words “power to develop procedures and implement management practices”.
No other changes to Article 9.08.

Article 3.10: The last sentence was deleted to remain uniform with Article 3.05(C).

Article 5.05(B) now reads: The Administrator shall supervise the appointed Fiscal Officer, but the Mayor and Council shall discipline the Fiscal Officer.
No other changes to Article 5.05(B).

To be uniform with Article 3.05(B), the following was added to Article 7.02: Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Council may appoint, by a two-thirds vote of its members... No other changes to Article 7.02.

To be uniform with Articles 3.05(B) and 7.02, Article 7.05 now reads: The Administrator shall supervise the Fiscal Officer, but discipline or, upon recommendation by the Mayor, termination of the Fiscal Officer shall be subject to the approval of Council by a vote of two-thirds of its members. Without the recommendation of the Mayor, the Council may remove the Fiscal Officer by a vote of five council members in favor of removal. The Fiscal Officer shall serve pursuant to the terms of an employment contract between the Municipality and the Fiscal Officer, provided that any such contract entered into between the Municipality and a Fiscal Officer on or after January 1, 2021 shall be subject to the approval of Council by two-thirds of its members.

No other changes to Article 7.05

Article 9.06: Title changed from Law Department to Solicitor. After discussion, this article now reads: The Solicitor shall be admitted to the practice of law in the State of Ohio. The Solicitor shall be legal advisor, attorney and counsel for the Municipality, and for all offices, departments, divisions, boards, commissions and bodies of the Municipality in connection with Municipal affairs; and subject to the direction of the Mayor and Council. The Solicitor shall represent the Municipality in all proceedings in Court or before any administrative body. Council may retain special or assistant counsel to represent the Municipality as may be required or necessary. The Solicitor shall perform other duties consistent with the office, or as may be required by this Charter, ordinance or resolution of the Council, or by the laws of the State of Ohio not inconsistent with this Charter.

Article 9.06 is approved as changed and can now be promulgated to the public as the second draft of this article.

With no other changes, the text is approved as changed and can be promulgated to the public.

III. Discussion of Article X Boards and Commissions

Art Owens created a draft of Article X, and after lengthy discussion, the following was created for Article 10.

Article 10.01 Creation and Termination

Council shall, by a simple majority vote of members present, create, oversee, modify or terminate any board, committee, commission or agency as deemed necessary for the public good. This rule shall apply to any board, committee, commission or agency created prior to creation of this charter.

Article 10.02 Appointments

The Mayor shall recommend appointment or removal of any member of a board, committee, commission or agency. Council shall vote to approve the appointment or removal of any member of a board, committee, commission or agency. This rule shall apply to any board, committee, commission or agency created prior the creation of this charter.

Article 10.03 Member Terms

The Mayor shall define the length of terms for any member of a board, committee, commission or agency and such term shall be approved or disapproved by a vote of Council.

Article 10.04 Duties

The Mayor shall define the purpose and function of any board, committee, commission or agency. Council shall by a vote approve or disapprove the purpose and function of any board, committee, commission or agency.

Article 10.05 Open Meetings of Boards and Commissions

All meetings of any board, committee, commission or agency shall be open to the public, except as allowed by the laws of the State of Ohio and as Council may provide by ordinance for matters declared in such ordinance to require confidentiality.

Due to the changes made in Article 10, Article 3.11 had additions and now reads: No less than one regular meeting of Council shall be held each month. All meetings of Council shall be open to the public, except as allowed by the laws of the State of Ohio and as Council may provide by ordinance for matters declared in such ordinance to require confidentiality.

No other changes to Article X.

NOTE: ARTICLE XIV- NEED TO MAKE SURE TO HAVE TRANSITIONS FOR THESE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

IV. Next meeting is scheduled for May 13

Next meeting will be held on May 13th. Patrick Hornschemeier suggested we look ahead to Articles XI and XII as was done with Article X making the process more efficient. Art Owens indicated he would draft Article XI through consultation with Joe Braun, Natalie Newberry, and Tyler Thompson. Zach Triplett will work on Article XII.

V. Adjourn

With no other comments from the public or the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.