



**2018 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018**

The 2018 Charter Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2018, Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Room 1029, Austin, Texas.

Chair Palvino called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Authur
Commissioner Cotera
Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Musselman
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Weigand

Commissioner Borgelt
Commissioner Hersh
Commissioner Martinez-Moncada
Commissioner Palvino
Commissioner Ward

Staff in Attendance:

Jannette Goodall, City Clerk's Office
Myrna Rios, City Clerk's Office
Jerikay Gayle, Law Department
Lynn Carter, Law Department

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens who registered to speak.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from January 8, 2018 and January 11, 2018 meetings.

The minutes of the January 8, 2018 and January 11, 2018 meeting were approved on Commissioner Borgelt's motion, Commissioner Weigand's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Smith abstained.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

a) Boards and Commission/City Attorney Work Group Report.

Chair Palvino gave briefed the Commission on the work and recommendations from the Boards and Commission/City Attorney Work Group.

- **City Attorney: The Work Group provided the following five options for consideration (See attached report for details).**
 - **Status quo, no charter revision recommended.**
 - **The City Council appoints the city attorney.**
 - **The city manager selects the city attorney, with council approval.**
 - **The city council appoints the city attorney, on recommendation of the city manager.**
 - **Mayor appoints the city attorney, with council approval.**

The commission agreed that the Work Group should proceed with developing a formal recommendation on option two (city council appoints the city attorney) for consideration by the Commission.

- **Boards and Commission**

Commissioner Martinez-Moncada briefed the Commission on the Work Group's discussion of an independent ethics review commission (See attached report for details).

The Commission recommended that Commissioner Martinez-Moncada work with the Campaign Finance/Ethics Work Group to prepare a formal recommendation for the Commission.

- b) **Discussion of an independent Ethics Review Commission.**

Commissioner Lewis briefed the Commission on the research and recommendations by the Campaign Finance/Ethics Work Group regarding the creation of an independent ethics review commission. (See attached report for details).

The Commission recommended the Work Group present a formal recommendation for consideration at the February 12 meeting.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission may discuss and identify additional meeting dates and future agenda items, topics or presentations.

The Campaign Finance/Ethics Work Group will present a formal recommendation to the Commission on Campaign Voucher Program at the February 5 meeting.

Chair Palvino adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. without objection.