

# Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes Dallas City Hall, Room 6ES Friday, January 31, 2014

Action Faken/Item for Consideration: Chairman Anchia made a motion to hold two public hearings, one in the north (north of I-30) and one in the south (south of I-30) early in the review process and two more hearings in the north and south later in the charter review process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finkelman. Commissioner Rich made a friendly amendment to hold the public hearings at different locations, if facilities are available.

# Motion passed unanimously

Staff will prepare a revised calendar of meetings.

# Overview of the Charter & Charter Review/Amendment Process

# Presenter(s): John Rogers

**Discussion Item:** Staff presented a power point outlining the chapters of the charter and the charter review process. Council members and City departments have been asked to submit proposed changes to the Charter and this list will be presented to the Commission.

Request for Information: the Commission asked staff to prepare the following information:

- 1. Characterize suggested changes to the Charter as policy issues, operational issues, and technical corrections
- 2. Charter amendments from 2002 and 2005, with those recommended by the commission, those adopted city council, and whether approved by voters
- 3. Sections of the Charter that have resulted in litigation
- 4. Current status of the Voting Rights Act
- 5. Survey of how other cities do redistricting
- 6. Powerpoint on current process for redistricting, council terms and compensation, Park Board, Auditing, and Civil Service
- 7. Survey of other cities for city council compensation, term length, and term limits

# Discussion of Charter Review Process

### Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia

**Discussion:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in 6ES. The agenda will include selection of Commission Vice Chair, Approval of meeting schedule, summary of 2002 and 2005 Charter Review activities, and general discussion of amendments to the Charter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Chair

Commission Administrator