AGENDA
CITY OF CONVERSE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2011
6:30 PM

Be it known that the Charter Review Commission of the City of Converse will meet in a regular meeting at the Fire Station #2 Conference Room at 8425 Thornton Lane on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: City Council, Beautification & Environmental, Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Park & Recreation and Planning & Zoning.

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll Call.

3. Consent Agenda. All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Commission member.
   
   A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes from Meeting of November 7, 2011.

4. Citizens to Be Heard: This time is provided for citizens to address any issues and concerns. No discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the agenda. Please limit remarks to 3 minutes and state your name and address for the record.

5. Old Business.
   
   A. Article II, Section 2.02-Discussion of Legal Counsel’s definition of “Reside”.

   B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article II, Section 2.02-Qualifications.

   In addition to any other qualifications prescribed by law, the Mayor and each Councilperson shall meet the conditions of Article III prior to filing for election to office. The Mayor and all Councilpersons shall reside within the City's boundaries while holding the elective office.

   C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article II, Section 2.03A. - Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

   (A) The Mayor shall be recognized as the head of the City Government. The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the Council. The Mayor will not have the power of veto. The Mayor will be responsible for the obedience and enforcement of all Ordinances, by-laws, and resolutions passed by the Council. The Mayor will sign all official documents such as Ordinances, Resolutions, conveyances, grant agreements, official plats, contracts, and bonds. The Mayor shall be responsible to the Council and appoint special committees as instructed by the Council. The Mayor shall perform such other duties consistent with this Charter or as may be imposed upon him by the Council.

   D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article II, Section 2.09D-Ordinances.
All other Ordinances must be read and voted on at two regularly scheduled City Council meetings. This should be followed by publication in full or by caption in two successive issues of the official newspaper of the City of Converse before the Ordinance shall become effective. The final reading of each Ordinance shall be in full unless [a] written or a printed copy of the Ordinance shall have been furnished to each member of the City Council 24 hours prior to each City Council meeting. The enacting clause of all Ordinances shall be, "BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of Converse, Texas."

E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article II, Section 2.12C - Forfeiture of Office.  
A Councilperson or the Mayor shall forfeit his office if he:

Fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular Council meetings without being excused prior to the missed meeting. Such forfeiture shall be declared and enforced by the majority vote of the City Council.

F. Discussion of Legal Counsel's definition of "Moral Turpitude" Section 2.12 D. - Forfeiture of Office.

G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article II, Section 2.12D-Forfeiture of Office.  
(D) Is convicted of a felony and/or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Such forfeiture shall be declared and enforced by a majority vote of the Council.

H. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article III, Section 3.01 C. - Schedule.  
(C) At-Large Vote. All candidates for Mayor and City Council shall be elected at-large.

I. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article III, Section 3.02. - Filing for Office.  
(A) Each candidate for an elective office shall be a qualified voter of the City.

J. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article III, Section 3.02. - Filing for Office.  
(B) Each candidate for Mayor must have resided for at least twelve months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City.

K. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article III, Section 3.02. - Filing for Office.  
(C) Each candidate for City Council must have resided for at least six months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City.

L. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article III, Section 3.03 D-Ballots for Ordinances, Bond Issues, and Charter Amendments.

(D) An Ordinance, bond issue, or Charter amendment to be voted on by the City shall be presented for voting by ballot title. The ballot title of a measure may differ from its legal title and shall be a clear, concise statement, approved by a majority of the whole Council without argument or prejudice. Delete last statement "without argument or prejudice".

M. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article IV, Section 4.01 General Authority
(C) Recall. The qualified voters of the City shall have the power to petition for recall of the Mayor or any member of the City Council. No recall petition shall be filed against an officer within six (6) months after such elected officer takes office.

N. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Article IV, Section 4.03-Petitions

(D) Filing Referendum Petitions. Referendum petitions must be filed within 60 days after adoption by the Council of the Ordinance sought to be reconsidered. Remove “within 60 days”


A. Discussion of the City Charter by Article.

7. Report by City Council Liaison on Items of Interest.

8. Discussion of Future Items.

9. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting.

10. Adjournment.

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted at Converse City Hall on November 15, 2011

Jackie Gaines, Secretary

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