Be it known that the Charter Review Commission of the City of Converse will meet in a regular meeting at the City Hall Conference Room on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 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.

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

2. Roll Call.

Chairman Jim Evans  
Mr. Jon Lindgren, Member  
Ms. Robin Benbrook, Member  
Councilman Andy Selko, Liaison  
Ms. Jackie Gaines, Secretary

Vice-Chair Johnny Harris  
Mr. John Shadron, Member  
Mr. Jim Sherman, Member  
Mr. Craig Morrow, Member  
Ms. Michelle Burns, Staff Member

All members present, Mr. Morrow stated he was absent from the January 11, 2012 meeting due to illness.

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 January 11, 2012.

Ms. Benbrook made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2012 with a spelling correction. Mr. Shadron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

None.

5. Old Business.

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Include another Section under Article VIII, A Code of Ethics for Council, Commissions, and Staff and to Include Information of an Ethics Board to Review Any Accusations or Complaints.

Ms. Dowell provided samples of Code of Ethics Policies and Code of Ethics Review Boards and gave a briefing of the samples.

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to approve adding under Article VIII, “The city Council shall appoint an Ethics Review Board, whose duties shall be defined by City Ordinance”. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.
Mr. Lindgren amended his motion to read “The City Council shall appoint an Ethics Review Board, whose duties shall be to ensure compliance with an established Code of Ethics City Ordinance”. Chairman Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Evans thanked Ms. Dowell for her research with this item. The Commission will assist Ms. Dowell with the development of the Code of Ethics Ordinance.


A. Discussion and Action to Approve Article II, Section 2.01: Change the General Election date from May to November.

No action taken due to this item previously approved at the January 11, 2012 meeting.

B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Article II, Section 2.03: The Mayor shall be the presiding officer for the City Council and shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law.

Mr. Sherman made a motion to approve the amendment as written. Chairman Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed with six in favor; Evans, Lindgren, Benbrook, Harris, Morrow and Sherman. Mr. Shadron opposed.

C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Article II, Section 2.03: The Mayor may debate and discuss any legislative matters before the council but may vote only in the event of a tie.

Ms. Benbrook made a motion to delete the amended motion and keep as stands in the Charter. The motion passed with six in favor; Evans, Shadron, Benbrook, Harris, Morrow and Sherman. Mr. Lindgren opposed.

D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Article II, Section 2.03: The Mayor shall, when authorized by the council, sign all official documents such as conveyance, grant agreements, official plats, contracts, bonds, ordinances, resolutions.

Mr. Sherman made a motion to approve the amendment as written. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed with five in favor; Evans, Sherman, Lindgren, Benbrook and Morrow. Shadron and Harris opposed.

E. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Article II, Section 2.03: The Mayor, with consent of the council, shall appointment special committees deemed advisable and as instructed by the council. These committees are temporary in nature and are to perform some special task, secure information, investigate a situation and ultimately bring back a report or a recommendation to the council.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the amendment with deleting “with consent of the council”. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Changes to Article II, Section 2.05B to Reflect Changes Made to Section 5C of this Agenda.

Item dies for lack of a motion.

G. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Amend Changes to Article II, Section 2:07B for consistency: From “Neither the Council nor any of its members” to Neither the Mayor nor Council members”.

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Item dies for lack of a motion. Item previously approved in November.

H. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Adding an Item to Article III, Section 3.02 (D) No Candidate shall be eligible to file for office if previously served on Council and resigned without stating reason.

Item dies for lack of a motion.

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

Councilman Selko briefed the committee of items the City Council discussed and acted upon during the last meeting.

8. Discussion of Future Items.

Add new section to Article 1, Section 1.07-Extension of Boundaries (Annexation)
Add to Article II, Section 2.12, F. Violates any specification of Article V, Section 5.01D
Change Article IV, Section 4.03A, remove “registered to vote” and add “but no less than two hundred”.

9. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting.

February 6, 2012, 6:30 PM.

10. Adjournment.

Chairman Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:41PM