

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH  
THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION CITY COUNCIL  
AND THE CITIZENS' CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION  
JUNE 6, 2012

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF BRAZOS       §

**Council Present:**

Nancy Berry, Mayor  
Blanche Brick  
Jess Fields, arrived after roll call  
Karl Mooney  
Katy-Marie Lyles  
Dave Ruesink

**Commission Present**

Lynn McIlhaney, Chair  
Brian Bochner  
Tony Jones  
Paul Greer  
Patrick Gendron  
Chuck Ellison  
Gary Halter

**City Staff:**

David Neeley, City Manager  
Kathy Merrill, Deputy City Manager  
Frank Simpson, Deputy City Manager  
Carla Robinson, City Attorney  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

**1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**

With a quorum present, the College Station City Council was called to order by Mayor Nancy Berry at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77842.

**2. Executive Session**

In accordance with the Texas Government Code §551.071-Consultation with Attorney, the College Station City Council convened into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in order to continue discussing matters pertaining to:

- A. Consultation with Attorney to seek advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation; to wit:
- Legal advice concerning proposed charter amendments.

The Executive Session adjourned at 4:33 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

**3. Take action, if any, on Executive Session.**

No action was taken.

With a quorum present, the Joint Meeting with the Citizens' Charter Review Advisory Commission and the College Station City Council was called to order by Chair Lynn McIlhaney at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the City of College Station City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas 77842.

**4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on the Citizens Charter Review Advisory Commission's Final Report to the City Council with the Commission's recommendations for amendments within the City Charter.**

Lynn McIlhaney, chair of the Citizens' Charter Review Advisory Commission, presented the City Council with the Commission's Final Report containing the Commission's recommendations for amendments within the City Charter. The major changes are found in the sections about recall. The language in Section 97 was modified to reflect the City Secretary's examination of the recall petition shall be ministerial. Another change was to require signers of a petition to persons who actually voted in the election in which the person being recalled was elected.

Chair McIlhaney provided a brief overview of the eight propositions being recommended for the November ballot.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Lyles and a second by Councilmember Ruesink, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed, to accept the Final Report. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion to receive direction from the City Council as to how the Commission can support the City Council through the Charter amendment process.**

Chair McIlhaney said the Commission's concern is educating the public in advance of the November election. They wish to be involved in the education process because they have been working on these amendments for several months and are prepared to answer questions.

Mayor Berry noted that an education process is necessary; however, we cannot advocate any position. If a request comes from an organization to hear about the amendments, the Mayor said she would prefer to see a Commission member and a Councilmember present the information together. Councilmember Fields concurred that neutrality is paramount.

**6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on possible Public Hearing dates to receive comments on the proposed Charter amendments.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Mooney and a second by Councilmember Fields, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed, to set the Public Hearing dates for July 12 and July 26. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Mayor Berry adjourned the Joint Meeting with the Citizens' Charter Review Advisory Commission and the College Station City Council at 5:04 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Chair McIlhane adjourned the Joint Meeting with the Citizens' Charter Review Advisory Commission and the College Station City Council at 5:04 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

  
Nancy Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary