



CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 14, 2020**
Meeting Time: **8:30 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Councilor Shanahan, Councilor Williams, Councilor Cullen

Also Present: City Attorney, Joshua Wyatt

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – August 3, 2020

3. CHARTER REVISION/AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

Wyatt began by stating that every 10 years the City should vote on whether to amend the Charter. 2021 is the next deadline. Wyatt discussed the reasons he believes we do not need a Charter Commission. He went over the process for the City to make an Amendment to the Charter. The process is as follows:

1. City Council makes a determination to amend the Charter, there is a public meeting and notice requirements;
2. The City Council shifts to the State (AG, SOS and DRA) to review the proposed changes and they have 45 days to approve;
3. City Council votes;
4. Questions go on the ballot for the public vote for November 2021.

Ordinance Committee discussed first steps to propose to City Council is to draft a resolution to City Council to amend the Charter with either a sub-committee, ad-hoc or City Council and not a Commission and it should go to public hearing(s) for approval. Wyatt discussed having an informal alert to City Council on the preliminary changes to the Charter and how they want to proceed by resolution with a March deadline.

4. UPDATE ON GENERAL CODE (CHAPTER 170)

Wyatt explained that General Code is taking longer than expected to recodify Chapter 170, but should have an update by the next meeting.

Also, Wyatt said the Code Books are ready for distribution to the people that requested one and will be proceeding with that. OC agreed.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Shanahan said the next meeting will be Monday, October 5th.



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6. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee will have a draft resolution to review and discuss Workshop items.

7. ADJOURN

Councilor Shanahan moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Williams and Cullen.
Vote: 3/0.