



CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Ordinance Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, City Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 20, 2021**
Meeting Time: **6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilor Shanahan, Councilor Cullen, Lindsey Williams

Also Present: City Attorney, Joshua Wyatt, Deputy City Attorney, and Mike Gillis

No citizens physically present for citizens' forum. Mrs. Phyllis Woods was present via telephone.

2. PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Councilor Shanahan reviewed and discussed how and what the Committee has been working on, as well as reviewing the numerous proposed amendments to the Charter. He stated over the next few weeks, after public input has been obtained on the amendments, a package will be put together and presented at the upcoming city council meetings, which will then be sent off to the Attorney General for review and then back to the city council to be put on the ballot in November and voted on.

Mrs. Woods discussed that she was part of a charter review committee ten years ago and is very familiar with how it works. She also requested numerous times that hard copies be available for citizens requesting them in order to have a clear idea as to the current and proposed amendments of the Charter. She was advised that all citizens have access to the General Code and the Charter on line via the City of Dover's website (and library), but also that council will have hard copies available at the next meeting upon request of any citizen in attendance who wishes one.

Lindsey Williams had two issues brought to her attention. One, that the order of the agenda be flipped, bringing the more important issues to the top and the grammatical issues of the proposed amendments pushed further down the list. And, two, there was concern about the proposed revision regarding volunteer city and school staff being on more than one board at a time and the proposal of additional recruitment efforts to bring new citizens into these boards.

Attorney Wyatt had several staff comments such as employees serving on committee boards; re-examining and clarifying C10-3A language regarding the organizational meeting on January 1 and it falling on a holiday – New Year's Day; Question #8 regarding the conflict of initial revision and defining the "breadth of family" to possibly say "immediate family" to avoid that conflict; and grouping amendment proposals so they line up with each other.

Mrs. Woods asked when the last set of amendments would be completed and if they were on the ballot. She thanked Councilor Williams for the electronic links that were sent to her and thanked the council for their time.

3. ADJOURN

Councilor Shanahan moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Williams and Cullen.

Vote: 3/0.