

MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2024

SEABROOK CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING

Chairperson Croce called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Commission Members Ann Wacker, Andrew Croce, Elaine Renola, Michael DeHart, Betty Heverly, and Richard Tomlinson. Also Present were City Manager Gayle Cook, City Attorney David Olson, and City Secretary Rachel Lewis.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on any additional review of previously examined articles as necessary.

The Commission reviewed the current list of proposed items to consider for amendments and no changes were noted. Commission Member DeHart provided a list of alternatives regarding terms for Section 2.01 for future consideration. See attachment A.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Charter Review Commission meeting.

Motion:	To Approve
Made By:	Charter Review Commission Member Renola
Seconded By:	Charter Review Commission Member Wacker
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

3.2 Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter Article VII, "Nominations and Elections". City Secretary, Rachel Lewis, may participate in the discussion on Article VII to share information with the Charter Review Commission on historical perspective, best practices, and suggested amendments, if any.

The Commission reviewed Article VII and no recommendations were made.

3.3 Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article VIII, "Initiative, Referendum and Recall". City Secretary, Rachel Lewis and City Manager, Gayle Cook may participate in the discussion on Article VIII to share information with the Charter Review Commission on historical perspective, best practices, and suggested amendments, if any.

The Commission reviewed Article VIII. City Manager Gayle Cook provided information regarding recall and grounds for removal in Section 8.05. See Attachment B. City Manager Cook also presented suggested wording for Section 8.11 Action on Petitions. See Attachment C.

3.4 Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article

IX, "Courts". Municipal Court Judge, Dick Gregg, III, and Municipal Court Administrator, Jessica Ancira, may participate in the discussion on Article IX to share information with the Charter Review Commission on historical perspective, best practices, and suggested amendments, if any.

The Commission reviewed Article IX and Municipal Court Judge Dick Gregg presented suggested changes to Section 9.02, Judge of the Municipal Court of Record and Sec. 9.04. See Attachment D.

4. ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Summarize all sections of Articles VII, VIII, and IX for revision or further review.

The Commission summarized the following sections for further review:

Section 8.05 - Grounds for removal

Section 8.11 - Action on Petitions

Section 9.02 - Residency of the Municipal Court Judge

Section 9.04 - Wording to "coordinate" rather than "file" with City Secretary

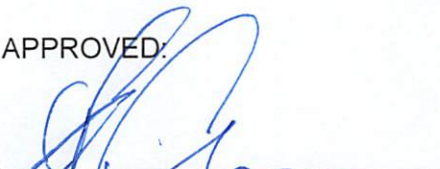
4.2 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items.

Chairperson Croce announced there would be no meeting on July 2, 2024 and the next meeting would take place on July 16, 2024.

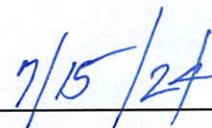
Motion:	To Adjourn
Made By:	Charter Review Commission Member Croce
Seconded By:	Charter Review Commission Member Wacker
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

APPROVED:

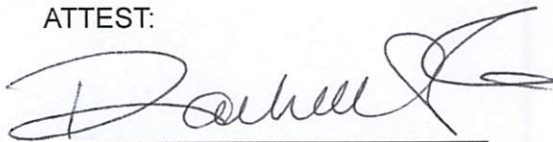


Andrew Croce, Chair



Date

ATTEST:



Rachel Lewis, City Secretary



A. The Commission has received information from the public and from the Commission's staff that the Commission's current procedures for the review of applications for the appointment of judges of the District Court are not adequate to ensure the highest quality of the judiciary. The Commission is currently reviewing the procedures and is expected to report to the public in the near future.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission recommends that the Commission should continue to monitor the quality of the judiciary and should continue to review the procedures for the appointment of judges of the District Court. The Commission also recommends that the Commission should continue to monitor the quality of the judiciary and should continue to review the procedures for the appointment of judges of the District Court.

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