

BRUNSWICK CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Agenda MARCH 4, 2025 6:30 PM

1. Discussion Items
 - (a) Meeting Called to Order
 - (b) Roll Call
 - (c) Approval of the February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. New Business
 - (a) Comments from the Law Director, Dennis Nevar
 - (b) Article II Form of Government and Powers Review
 - (c) Article III City Council Review
 - (d) Article IV City Manager Review
3. General Discussion
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

February 11, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Robert McCain, Michael Sinclair, Frank Chestney, Barbara Rocha, John Acevedo, Jacob Altman, Denise Arnaud, Dan Langshaw, Tom Fenske, Law Director Dennis Nevar, Mayor Ron Falconi, Charter Review Commission Secretary Kristin Gambaccini.

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Fensky joined at 6:50 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Falconi swore in the eight new Charter Review Commission members by conducting an Oath of Office.

Mr. Nevar disclosed that he'd been in the City's Law Department for twenty years and this was the fifth Charter Review Commission he'd overseen.

Mr. Nevar explained that the City operates under a Council/Manager form of government. He continued that City Council operates as the legislative authority of the City and appoints the City Manager, who serves as the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer, and oversees all its affairs.

Mr. Nevar shared that the Mayor is elected and serves as head of the City with judicial powers mandated by the State of Ohio, and appointment authority.

Mr. Nevar relayed that the Charter Review Commission meets every five years under the terms of the Charter. He informed that the revisions voted on by the Commission will go to the electorate in the November election.

Mr. Nevar contributed that Council must pass legislation submitting the certified questions to the electorate no later than August 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. He declared that Council prefers the Charter Review reach completion by June or July 2025, to allow adequate time for the legislative reading and adoption process.

Mr. Nevar stated that there were eleven articles in the Charter. He suggested the Commission take two or three of the articles, read and review them between meetings, and discuss proposed amendment revisions.

Mrs. Arnaud moved to appoint Dan Langshaw as Charter Review Commission Chairperson. Vote – 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mrs. Arnaud moved to appoint Mrs. Rocha as Charter Review Commission Vice-Chairperson. Vote – 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mr. Langshaw moved to adopt the permanent agenda as presented. Vote – 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rocha inquired if members of the public attended the Charter Review Commission Meetings.

Mr. Langshaw responded that in his experience, there are typically only a few public attendees at meetings.

Mr. Nevar encouraged the Commission to decide which articles they plan to discuss at the following meeting.

Mayor Falconi swore in the new Commission member, Tom Fenske, by conducting an Oath of Office.

Mr. Nevar reiterated that the City is a Charter Municipality operating under a Council/Manager form of government to Mr. Fenske.

Mr. Langshaw inferred Articles II, III, and IV for review during the March meeting.

Mr. Langshaw asked Mr. Nevar how many times the Charter Review Commission had met in the past.

Mrs. Arnaud stated as a former Commission member, she believed once-a-month meetings should be sufficient.

Mr. Nevar agreed that one meeting a month would suffice unless otherwise indicated.

Mr. Langshaw confirmed with the majority that the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. would work.

Mr. Nevar requested that the Commission not meet on the second or fourth Tuesday due to possible scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Langshaw announced the next meeting would be March 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room.

Mr. Chestney queried the regulations for public notifications concerning meetings and whether or not the public would have an opportunity to contribute their opinions on the Charter.

Mr. Nevar shared the public would be notified of meetings according to Codified Ordinance Chapter 208.

Mr. Langshaw disclosed that meetings were always open to the public and anyone could join and would be permitted to share their ideas and opinions.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, Mr. Langshaw moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Vote – 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Submitted Respectfully,

Kristin Gambaccini

Charter Review Commission Secretary

Daniel Langshaw

Chairman