

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND SETTING FORTH THE CHARGES OF THE 2024-2025 CHARTER REVIEW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, City Council began selecting sections of the Charter to be amended and gave staff direction to proceed with providing Council with information on specific sections of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2024, April 2, 2024, April 16, 2024, and May 7, 2024, based on Council direction, staff provided Council with specific sections and timeframes to be considered for a Charter review; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, staff presented Council with a summary of the structure, scope and all charges to be provided to the advisory Charter Review Committee and Council gave staff direction to move forward with said committee structure, scope and charges; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The recitals and findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are incorporated into the body of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. A Charter Review Committee is hereby created to consider and advise the City Council on whether and in what manner to revise the City Charter based on the charges set forth in Section 6 of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. The Charter Review Committee shall be comprised of 14 members. Charter Review Committee members may have dual membership on any other board or commission of the City, except no member shall be a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Each Council member will nominate two individuals to serve on the Charter Review Committee. For Council member places 1, 2, 3, and 4, Charter Review Committee nominees/appointees shall be residents of the Council member's respective district. For Council member places 5, 6, and 7, Charter Review Committee nominees/appointees may reside in any district of the City. City Council shall appoint all committee members.

SECTION 4. A quorum of the Charter Review Committee shall be 8 members and all committee recommendations will be made by a majority vote of the whole committee. The committee shall appoint a Chair and Chair Pro Tem upon convening.

SECTION 5. The Chair of the Charter Review Committee may create subcommittees. All subcommittees shall consist of at least 7 members of the Charter Review Committee. Subcommittees shall make recommendations to the entire Charter Review Committee pursuant to assigned topics. The Chair of the Charter Review Committee shall appoint the chair and all members of each subcommittee. Recommendations of the subcommittee can only be passed by majority vote of the subcommittee.

SECTION 6. The charges of the Charter Review Committee are:

- A. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton on whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions to resolve conflicts with state law, where applicable.
- B. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton on whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions to resolve vague/unclear language, where applicable.
- C. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton on whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions to replace all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language.
- D. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article II, Section 2.01 of the Denton City Charter as to modify the mix of single member and at-large districts.
- E. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article II, Section 2.01 of the Denton City Charter as to increase the two-year term provision to either three or four-year terms, as allowed by State law.
- F. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article II, Section 2.01 of the Denton City Charter as to the addition of new council seats based on population size and projected growth.
- G. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article II, Section 2.02 of the Denton City Charter so as to consider modifying the Mayor and Council stipend.
- H. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article IV, Section 4.12 as to require a statement less than 200 words on the grounds of removal for recall petitions.
- I. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article VI, Section 6.03 as to increase the two-year term of the Municipal Judge to a four-year term.
- J. To consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter provisions of Article XIV, Section 14.04 as to modify the Ethics Ordinance requirements.
- K. To have the discretion to review additional sections of the City Charter not listed in the above charges and consider and advise the City Council of Denton whether and in what manner to revise the current City Charter.

SECTION 7. The Charter Review Committee shall perform its functions in accordance with the intent of this Resolution. The Charter Review Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council until successors are duly appointed and approved by the Denton City Council.

SECTION 8. Any matters not addressed by this Resolution shall be governed by the “City of Denton Handbook for Boards, Commissions and Council Committees.”

SECTION 9. The City Manager, or designee, will provide guidance and assistance to the Charter Review Committee and be responsible for ensuring that records are maintained in accordance with the requirements of the City Secretary’s Office. The City Attorney shall provide legal counsel to the Charter Review Committee and subcommittees.

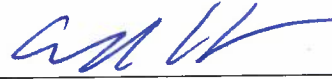
SECTION 10. Upon completion of the aforementioned charges, or on February 14, 2025, whichever is sooner, the Charter Review Committee shall be dissolved without further action of the City Council.

SECTION 11. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by Brian Beck and seconded by Brandon Chase McGee, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [4 - 2]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Beck, District 2:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Meltzer, District 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Holland, District 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 4th day of June, 2024.



GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
LAUREN THODEN, CITY SECRETARY

BY: Lauren Thoden



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY



BY: _____