



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda

Charter Review Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2024

5:30 PM

Development Services Center

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After determining that a quorum is present, the Charter Review Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, will convene in a meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Development Services Center Training Rooms 3, 4 and 5 at 401 Elm Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. [CRC24-021](#) Receive comments from members of the public.
[Estimated time: 10 minutes]
- B. [CRC24-022](#) Consider approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2024 Charter Review Committee Meeting.
[Estimated time: 5 minutes]
Attachments: [Exhibit 1. Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [CRC24-023](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on increasing the two-year term of the Municipal Judge to a four-year term.
[Estimated time: 25 minutes]
Attachments: [Exhibit 1. Agenda Information Sheet](#)
[Exhibit 2. Presentation](#)

- D. [CRC24-019](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on additional sections of the Charter submitted for review.
- 1) Consider implementing a trigger amendment stating that if gay marriage is struck down in the courts and left not protected by the state of Texas, then "civil unions" will receive all the same benefits and restrictions currently applied to marriages in the city's codes, ordinances, and charter.
 - 2) Consider implementing a one-year residency requirement for individuals serving on a citizen board, committee, or commission appointed by Council.
 - 3) Consider moving municipal elections from May to November.
 - 4) Consider modifying the total years allowed for residents to serve on Council.
 - 5) Consider modifying the eligibility for holding elected office and appointments to city boards.
 - 6) Consider adding language regarding the increase in rates or fees on citizens or businesses.
 - 7) Consider adding language regarding the cost of new regulations.
 - 8) Consider adding language that requires posting the amount, if any, of inadequate contributions to fund pension or retirement plans for city employees, including fire and police.
 - 9) Consider adding language that requires reporting the amount of any unfunded mandate incurred by the City with information regarding the name of the mandate and cost to the City to comply.

[Estimated time: 20 minutes]

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)
 [Exhibit 2 - Committee Submissions](#)

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Charter Review Committee or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting and under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

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