

A meeting of the Troy Election Commission was held Thursday, December 4, 2003, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road. Member Bartholomew called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: David Anderson, Timothy Dewan, City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Lori Grigg Bluhm

Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 19, 2003

Resolution # EC-2003-12-05
Motion by Dewan
Seconded by Anderson

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Wednesday, February 19, 2003 are approved as submitted.

YES: All-3

Review of Charter Revision Ballot Recommendations:

It was noted by City Attorney Bluhm that the proposed Charter Amendment language for Section 3.4 will include “and the Mayor” after “City Council members” in two locations within the submittal.

It was the consensus of the Election Commission that it would best serve the voting public if the ballot language selected for use would be the format with less formality. The preferred format is as follows:

- **City Council Directive:** Shall Section 3.4 of the Troy Charter be amended to replace the current **three** year term for the Mayor and City Council members with **four** year terms, which shall commence with the 2005 regular election, except for the terms of the two city council positions set to expire in 2006 which shall initially be three years and thereafter the terms for the Mayor and all City Council members shall be four years?
- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 3.8.5 of the Troy Charter be repealed, which would eliminate the requirement for the Mayor to send an annual proclamation to the members of the U.S. Congress encouraging them to use their best efforts to amend the Constitution to require term limits on the U.S. Congress?
- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 5.11 of the Troy Charter, which sets forth the requirements for citizens to effectuate changes to the City of Troy ordinances through an initiatory or referendary process, be amended to change the number of signatures from the current requirement of **at least ten percent** of the registered electors of the City, to a new requirement of **2,000 signatures** of the registered electors of the City?

- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 5.11 of the Troy Charter, which sets forth the requirements for citizens to effectuate changes to the City of Troy ordinances through an initiatory or referendary process, be amended to enlarge the time period to gather signatures from the current deadline of **twenty one** days prior to the filing of the petition to a new deadline of **ninety** days prior to the filing of the petition?
- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 5.11 of the Troy Charter, which sets forth the requirements for citizens to effectuate changes to the City of Troy ordinances through an initiatory or referendary process, be amended to delete the provision that allows the filing of supplemental petition papers within fifteen days of registered mail notification by the Clerk that a previously submitted petition contained an insufficient number of signatures.
- **City Council Directive:** Shall Section 7.3 of the Troy Charter be amended to change the regular City election from the **first Monday in April of each year** to a new date of the **Tuesday** succeeding the first Monday in **November of each odd numbered year**, and shall the language that changes the date of the regular City election to a date in the months of March, April, or May if fixed by law for the holding of the state biennial election be deleted?

OR

- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 7.3 of the Troy Charter, which sets the regular City election date on the first Monday in April, be amended to delete the remaining language that changes the date of the regular City election to a date in the months of March, April, or May if fixed by law for the holding of the state biennial election?
- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 7.6 of the Troy Charter, which requires at least **40** days between the date that a special election is called by a resolution of City Council and the election date, be enlarged to require a minimum of **60** days between the date of the resolution and the election?
- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 7.9 of the Troy Charter, which requires nomination petitions for candidates for regular city elections to be filed with the Clerk on or before 4 o'clock pm of the **twenty- eighth (28) day preceding the third Monday of February of each year**, be replaced with the revised requirement that nomination petitions for candidates for regular city elections are to be filed with the Clerk on or before 4 o'clock pm of the **seventy fifth (75) day preceding the City election for each election year**?
- **Charter Revision Committee Recommendation:** Shall Section 12.1 of the Troy Charter, which currently requires **sealed** bids to be obtained for all sales and purchases in excess of ten thousand dollars, be replaced with the requirement to obtain competitive bids through a traditional sealed bid procedure or alternative means, including but not limited to, electronic submission or reverse auction methods, providing the method used preserves the integrity of the competitive bid process.

Review and Recommendation to City Council: Civic Center Ballot Proposal:

Resolution # EC-2003-12-06

Motion by Anderson

Seconded by Dewan

RESOLVED, That the Election Commission recommends to City Council the following proposed Civic Center ballot proposal language submitted by the Troy Citizens United to the Election Commission at their meeting on December 4, 2003, with the understanding that the proposed language be reviewed and possibly reworded by the City Attorney Bluhm and then forwarded for review to Attorney Joel Piell of Miller Canfield:

Shall the City of Troy, Michigan, be authorized to sell or lease, at fair market value, property, not to exceed 8 acres, from the civic center site, to a non-profit corporation acting as agent of the city to develop a hotel & adjoining conference facility?"

YES: All-3

It was the consensus of the Election Commission that the City Attorney reviews the Chamber of Commerce ballot language submittal.

Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Maryann Bernardi voiced concern with the Charter Committee's recommendation of proposed Charter Section 5.11 and the elimination of the potential for supplemental petition papers. She recommended that instead of eliminating the supplemental petition papers from Section 5.11, to make supplemental petition papers a provision of Section 7.9.

Mr. Jerry Bloom requested that he and Mrs. Bernardi be notified of the next Election Commission meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting of the Election Commission is Friday, December 26, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the Council Board Room of City Hall.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Tonni L. Bartholomew, MMC
City Clerk