

A meeting of the Troy Charter Revision Committee was held March 5, 2009, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road. Chairman Daniel Bliss called the Meeting to order at 3:14 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Lillian Barno, Maryann Bernardi, Daniel Bliss, Mark Solomon – 3:14 PM
ABSENT: Jerry E. Bloom, Shirley Kanoza, Cynthia A. Wilsher
ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Lori Bluhm, City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew

RESOLUTION TO EXCUSE MEMBER:

Resolution #CR-2009-03-001
Moved by Bliss
Seconded by Bernardi

RESOLVED, That members Bloom, Kanoza, and Wilsher be **EXCUSED** from the meeting of March 5, 2009.

Yes: Barno, Bernardi, Bliss, Solomon
No: None
Absent: Bloom, Kanoza, Wilsher

MOTION CARRIED**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 30, 2008**

Resolution #CR-2009-03-002
Moved by Bernardi
Seconded by Barno

RESOLVED, That the Charter Revision Committee Minutes of June 30, 2008 are hereby **APPROVED** as presented.

Yes: Barno, Bernardi, Bliss, Solomon
No: None
Absent: Bloom, Kanoza, Wilsher

MOTION CARRIED**SUNSHINE LAW: Review by City Attorney Bluhm**

City Attorney Bluhm provided the members a resource booklet and presented a brief overview of the Sunshine Laws.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT: Section 6.2(g) – Vacancies in Elective Office

Clerk Bartholomew briefly explained the Agenda packet materials.

Member Bernardi noted concern with requiring members of Council to resign their position in order to seek another City of Troy elected office. She questioned the potential of having individuals resigning and challenging an incumbent with the risk of ending up with no position on Council. She indicated concern with the potential of not having members of the public having their first run for office being that of Mayor and the possibility of creating elections for the position of the Mayor being uncontested elections.

Member Solomon questioned the impact of having no requirement to require a resignation prior to filing.

Member Bernardi indicated that there could be a vacancy should the individual be successful however if the candidate was not successful there would be no impact. She also noted that the current amendment was adopted back in 1994 and since 1955 there was never any problem that she could discover. She noted she contacted the City Attorney earlier in the day to inquire about the history of the amendment.

City Attorney Bluhm indicated that it appears that the amendment was proposed and adopted the same time as the amendment eliminating the primary and term limits.

Chair Bliss indicated concern with the absence of 3 Committee members for the discussion and input on the matter. He made a motion to postpone the motion.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Resolution #CR-2009-03-003

Moved by Bliss

Seconded by Barno

RESOLVED, That the this item be **POSTPONED** until all members of the Charter Revision Committee be present for discussion.

Yes: Barno, Bernardi, Bliss,

No: Solomon

Absent: Bloom, Kanoza, Wilsher

MOTION CARRIED

Member Solomon voiced a parliamentary objection to the vote. He stated it was his belief that the Chair did not allow adequate time for him to consider the motion prior to asking for the question. He noted that he believes that it is ill-advised for a committee to operate on the premise that all members need to be present for action and questioned the intention of a quorum.

Member Bernardi noted that she would have voted differently had she be apprised of Member Solomon's concern prior to voting.

Member Bernardi made a motion to reconsider the motion and indicated that the vote was too rapid. She appreciated the comments of the Chair, but respects Member Solomon's comments and believed that the vote was too quick and that he should have had an opportunity to voice his concerns prior to the vote.

There was no second to the vote and discussion ended abruptly when Member Barno indicated she quit and left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 4:19 PM due to a lack of quorum.

Clerk Bartholomew requested that members submit any other potential amendments to the Clerk for inclusion in the next meeting Agenda.

Daniel Bliss, Chair

Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk