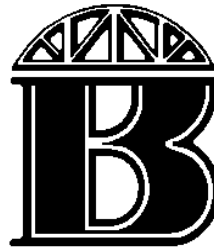


City of Bridgeton



Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

BRIDGETON CHARTER REVIEW AND REVISION COMMISSION Tuesday, January 25, 2022

The Bridgeton Charter Review and Revision Commission met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at the Bridgeton Government Center, 12355 Natural Bridge Road, Bridgeton, Missouri. Roll Call was as follows:

Roll Call

Jessica Perkins, Chairperson	Present
Patricia Bland	Present
Anthony Banks	Present
Ricky Breneman	Present
Tracy Cook	Present
Brandon Wilkes	Present – arrived at 6:36 PM

Also in attendance: Terry Briggs, Mayor; John Young, Hamilton Weber LLC; Kevin Bookout, City Administrator; Mark Mossotti, Police Chief; Robert Gunn, City Engineer/Director of Public Works, Randy Hein, Councilmember; Jerry Grimmer, Councilmember; David Webb, Councilmember; Joni Norris, Councilmember and Gretchen Luke, Councilmember.

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Perkins requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Ricky Breneman moved to approve the January 25, 2022 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Patricia Bland and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Perkins requested a motion to approve the December 7, 2021 minutes. Patricia Bland moved to approve the December 7, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Ricky Breneman and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Chairperson Perkins introduced new member Anthony Banks and allowed him to speak. Mr. Banks advised that he has lived in the City of Bridgeton for seven years and works for DESCO. Mr. Banks looks forward to serving on the Commission.

Public Comments

1. Thersa Fisher – Ms Fisher addressed Mayor Briggs and advised that the Newsletter describes Bridgeton as a Home Rule City. She requested that Home Rule be defined.
2. Will the Commission only address 10 items in the Charter are will the entire Charter be considered?
3. Requested that clear language be used in the amendments.
4. Are there any illegal items in the Charter and what other municipalities has attorney John Young represented?
5. Believes that the City Administrator should be required to be a resident.
6. Asked where she should send her questions for the Commission to address.
7. Bob Saettele – requested that in the future agendas are made available to the public and requested that the minutes be posted on the City’s website.

Council Comments

1. Councilmember Grimmer – Advised that the City has a great City Administrator and that he has seen more progress within the past five years than he has ever seen. The police and other staff are not required to be a Bridgeton resident and do not feel that the City Administrator should be required to be a resident either.
2. Councilmember Hein – requested that the meeting adhere to the same public comments rule as the City Council meeting, which is three minutes to address the Commission.

Report from Special Counsel

Attorney Young addressed Forms of Government, discussed proposed language for Mayor and City Council qualifications, Mayor and City Council residency requirements and Municipal Court Judge requirements. It was decided to address the judge’s qualifications during a meeting that he can attend. Mayor Briggs will reach out to Judge Larrew to see if he can attend the next meeting.

2022 CRRRC Schedule

The Commission will hold meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

New Business

1. Brandon Wilkes moved that John Young, Special Counsel, draft language to preserve the position of City Administrator. Motion was seconded by Tracy Cook and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

2. Patricia Bland moved that John Young, Special Counsel, draft language to state that in order to be a City Council member, you must be 21 years of age and you be a resident of the City for two years prior to the election but a resident in the specific ward at the time of filing for candidacy. Motion was seconded by Ricky Breneman and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.
3. Brandon Wilkes moved that John Young, Special Counsel, draft language for term limits for the position of Mayor. Motion was seconded by Ricky Breneman and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.
4. Brandon Wilkes moved that John Young, Special Counsel, draft language for term limits for the City Council position. Motion was seconded by Tracy Cook and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.
5. Brandon Wilkes moved that John Young, Special Counsel, draft language to change the City Council terms from two years to three years. Motion was seconded by Jessica Perkins and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Commission, Chairperson Perkins asked for a motion to adjourn. Brandon Wilkes moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Patricia Bland and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC
City Clerk