

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Friday, February 26, 2021

10:00 AM

Charter Review Committee

Virtual Meeting

Public Call In: 1-617-675-4444 PIN: 871 181 820 8996#

City Council

1. Call to Order*Present:*

*Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Brooke Schmidt
Councilmember Will Carlan
Mayor Bill Grant
Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
Mr. Bobby Dyer, City Attorney
Mr. Nathan Ingram, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Annie Fortner, City Clerk*

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember McGrew.

2. Determine Future Meeting Day/Time/Frequency

Committee members discussed that Friday mornings work best for everyone and agreed to meet biweekly. Councilmember Carlan made a motion to meet biweekly on Fridays at 10:00 am. Councilmember Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

3. Determine Protocol for Public Input at Committee Meetings

Committee members agreed to allow public input before and after committee discussion at each meeting. Input would be held to three minutes per person for up to ten people. After that, each input would be limited to ninety seconds.

4. Determine Plan for Proceeding with Review - City Attorney Bobby Dyer

City Attorney Bobby Dyer provided the committee a brief background of the adoption of the current charter. Mr. Dyer discussed changes that Council can make by Home Rule and changes that must be approved by the legislature. Mr. Dyer noted conflicts that currently exist within the charter. Mr. Dyer suggested that the committee review the charter section by section to look at potential legal issues and inconsistencies. For the next meeting, the committee will review and discuss Article II. Mr. Dyer stated he will provide the committee a list of items to consider within Article II. Items listed to possibly be amended were the sale of firearms, ward map changes, filling of vacancies, technology as it relates to meetings, routine contracts, and spending policies. Once charter amendments are made, the next goal is to review the City's ordinances.

5. Adjourn

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carlan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The next scheduled meeting will be held virtually on Friday, March 12th at 10:00 am.