



CITY OF YUMA
2019 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Committee members present: Russ Clark, John Courtis, Barbara Hengl, Doug Jennings, Russell McCloud, Jeff Polston, Bill Regenhardt and Jennifer Tobin

Committee members absent: Gel Lemmon and Art Morales

Staff members present: Interim City Administrator, John D. Simonton
Deputy City Attorney, Rodney Short
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
Deputy City Clerk, Janet L. Pierson

I. **Introductions of Charter Review Committee Members and Staff:** Short covered introductions of staff and the attending 2019 Charter Review Committee (Committee) members introduced themselves.

II. **Welcome and Introductory Comments by Jay Simonton, Interim City Administrator:** Simonton thanked the group for volunteering to serve on the Committee. Simonton relayed that City Council takes this process seriously and has entrusted the Committee to be their eyes and ears.

Discussion

- Simonton will ask City Council's input on charter recommendations that have been presented to them or on previous direction regarding the charter. (Clark/Simonton)
- There will be a secondary review of the proposed changes at the State level. (Courtis/Short)
- Not every Arizona city is a charter city. Charters from other Arizona charter cities are available to review. (Regenhardt/Short/Polston/Simonton)

III. **Summary of Open Meeting Law by City Staff:** City Attorney Richard W. Files briefed the Committee on their responsibilities with regards to the Open Meeting Laws. The Committee was cautioned on emails specifically the use of "reply all" as this could cause a violation of the open meeting law. Any questions that need to be posed to the group should be sent to the Clerk and she will get them on the next meeting agenda.

IV. **Selection of Committee Chair and Vice Chair:** Tabled due to a technical posting issue on the City of Yuma's website.

- V. **Discuss and Strategize Possible Ways to Review the Yuma City Charter:** Tabled due to a technical posting issue on the City of Yuma's website.
- VI. **Establish Schedule of Future Meeting Date/Times:** The Committee will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday beginning at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room #190. Dates through the end of 2019 include:
- October 8 & 22
 - November 12 & 26
 - December 10 & 24

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Janet L. Pierson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:



Rodney Short
Deputy City Attorney