

CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

April 27, 2023

Mr. Carcioppolo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Tom Barni, Angelo Carcioppolo, Christopher Feldman, Mark Little, Courtney Ross and Sheila Williams

ABSENT: Shaun Castillo, Adam Gockowski and Dwayne Smith

ALSO PRESENT: David Post, Mayor Scaffide, Matt Vazzana and Shannon Collins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes was passed over this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vazzana went over the redline versions of the requested changes that were discussed at the prior meeting. Proposed redline attached at end of minutes.

There were no questions on the proposed changes in Article 4.

Mr. Vazzana went over the changes in Article 6.03 regarding Contracts and Purchasing. There was discussion regarding potential changes to 'best value'. The commission decided to keep the current language.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vazzana asked that the commission skip over 7.01, 7.03, 7.04 and 7.05. The city is working on restructuring some departments and will have recommendations at the next meeting.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 7.02 & 7.06. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Little asked what happens if the appoint of Law Director or Finance Director is not confirmed by council. Mr. Vazzana stated that per the charter the Assistant Director or outside council would be hired until one is appointed and confirmed. Mrs. Ross asked about the language state the previous director would remain until appointment is confirmed by Council. This would apply if the separation is amicable.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 7.07. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. The Mayor asked that this section reflect that the mayor also gets a vote in appointing boards and commissions and asked that 'and mayor' gets added. Mr. Vazzana noted that 'excepting membership on the Twinsburg Development Foundation' should be struck as it no longer exists.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 7.08. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Vazzana stated he will take a look at this section and come back with recommendations regarding 'all matters before council pertaining to zoning or land use' and 'open spaces' the to the commission.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 7.09. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Carcioppolo stated that to be consistent it should say 'appointed by the Council *and the Mayor*'.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 7.10. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mayor Scaffide stated that 'unreasonable hardships' needs to be looked at. Mr. Vazzana stated there is a standard and he will work on that for the next meeting.

Ms. Williams read 7.11. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mayor Scaffide stated that the Department of Community Planning & Development structure needs to change and Matt will have revisions to this section at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 7.12. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. There was no discussion on this section.

Ms. Ross read 7A.01. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Feldman asked if it had to pass in the ward. Mr. Scaffide stated it needs to be passed city wide and also in the ward. If it passes city wide but not in the ward it does not pass.

Ms. Ross read 7A.02. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. There was question regarding what this section meant. Commission continued reading while they wait for an answer.

Ms. Ross read 7A.03. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Feldman stated that if this section is invalid, it doesn't mean the entire document is invalid.

Ms. Ross read 7A.04 & 7A.05. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on these section. Mayor Scaffide stated that if land is annexed it cannot be classified at a density greater than R-4. If the commission has questions we can ask Mr. Vazzana to elaborate at the next meeting.

Mrs. Ross asked if the commission can continue reading the next section. The meeting is recorded and if needed the commission can go over it again at the next meeting. It was decided that the commission can read the section but no recommendations should be made until the section is on the agenda.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 8.01. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mayor Scaffide stated that the no more than 150 days out for circulating petitions. This has been an issue in the past that petitions were circulated too early. Mayor Scaffide stated he believes Twinsburg is the only community in the county with this restriction.

Mr. Carcioppolo read 8.02 – 8.04. Mr. Carcioppolo asked if there were any comments on this section. Mr. Post asked for a note to be made on what a qualified elector is. Mr. Carcioppolo stated that another item is the number of days for a petition in Twinsburg verses other communities in Summit County.

Mr. Carcioppolo followed up on what changed in section 7A.02 in 2014. Mrs. Collins stated nothing changed in 7A.02 in 2014. The change in 2014 was to 7A.01. Mrs. Collins stated she will look to see if what she can find on the 1982 language for section 7A.02.

There was no further discussion on these sections.

MOTION: To excuse our absent members.

Moved by T. Barni, seconded by C. Feldman

Upon roll, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by T. Barni, seconded by S. Williams

Upon roll, motion passed unanimously.

This meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM

Shaun Castillo, Chairperson

Shannon Collins, Secretary