

Notice of Public Meeting of the 2019 Charter Review Committee

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the City of Yuma 2019 Charter Review Committee and to the general public that an open meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room #190, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:



CITY OF YUMA
2019 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE **SUMMARY**
YUMA CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 190
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER **5:03 PM**

ROLL CALL

APPROVED

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- October 21, 2019

A motion was made by McCloud seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote. (Courtis, Jennings, Lemmon and Regenhardt absent or not yet present)

DISCUSSED

II. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Discussion, deliberation and possible action by the Committee.

A motion by McCloud to accept all changes presented by legal staff failed due to lack of a second.

- Article III, Section 3, Money and Bonds
- Article III, Section 14, Elections
- Article IV, Section 4, Time of Holding Primary and General Elections
- Article IV, Section 6, Nomination for Primary Election

A motion was made by McCloud, seconded by Hengl to accept the recommendations on Article IV, Section 4 and Article IV, Section 6 as presented by the City Attorney. Voice vote 7-0 (Jennings, Lemmon and Regenhardt absent or not yet present).

- Article IV, Section 7, Special Elections
- Article V, Section 1(a), Initiative, referendum and recall

A motion was made by Courtis, seconded by Polston to change the language in Article V, Section 1(a) to read: the required number of signatures of qualified electors required for initiative or referendum or recall of elected officials shall be computed on the basis of the total number of ballots cast at the last general election. Voice vote: 4-4-1 (Morales abstaining). This item will be brought back for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

- Gender neutral pronouns

DISCUSSED ONLY ARTICLE VI

III. REVIEW OF YUMA CITY CHARTER, ARTICLES VI-XI: Discussion, deliberation and possible action by the Committee regarding Articles VI-XI.

- Article VI – City Officials

A motion was made by McCloud, seconded by Courtis to amend Article VI, Section 2 as presented by the legal team. The motion carried by a 9-0 vote.

A motion was made by McCloud, seconded by Morales to amend Article VI, Section 3(c) to read: There shall be a city attorney who shall be appointed and their compensation fixed by the mayor and city council. The city attorney shall serve as the chief legal advisor to the mayor and city council, the city administrator, and all city departments, offices and agencies. They shall represent the City in all legal proceedings, and shall perform any other duties prescribed by this charter, law or ordinance. The mayor and city council shall have control of all litigation of the city, and may employ other attorneys to take charge of any litigation or to assist the city attorney therein, and may provide for the payment for such additional legal services and all proper service or work done on behalf of the city in connection with its legal matters. The city attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and city council. The motion carried by a 9-0 vote.

A motion was made by Regenhardt, seconded by McCloud to amend Article VI, Section 14(a) to put in the charter an increase in pay for Mayor and City Council based on a percentage of what the County Supervisors are being paid and that pay would be 75% for the Mayor and 50% for Council. The motion failed by a vote of 0-9.

A motion was made by Regenhardt, seconded by Polston to amend Article VI, Section 14(a) to state that: Commencing with the next general election in or after 2021, the Mayor shall receive compensation equal to 60% of the compensation provided to the Yuma County Supervisors and each Councilmember shall receive compensation equal to 30% of the compensation provided to the Yuma County Supervisors. The motion carried by an 8-1 vote (Jennings Nay). This item will come back for discussion on the date at the next scheduled meeting.

- Article VII – The City Council
- Article VIII – City Administrator
- Article IX – Boards and Commissions
- Article X – Personnel System

- Article XI – Municipal Court

NOT DISCUSSED

IV. ABSENCES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Discussion, deliberation and possible action by the Committee.

DISCUSSED

V. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:

- November 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSED

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADJOURNMENT 6:54 PM

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