
March 27, 2023

The City of Sulphur Home Rule Charter Commission held their last meeting at its temporary location located at 1551 East Napoleon Street in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on March 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following present:

Sid Rosteet
Carla Sigler
Danny DiPetta
Becky Venissat
Justin Sittig
Gena Granger
ABSENT - Donna Emmons

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mr. DiPetta, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. DiPetta.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Venissat seconded by Mr. Rosteet that the previous minutes stand as written.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Venissat to add the following to the agenda:

Discussion on Section 2-06 and Section 8-12 of the Home Rule Charter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the agenda stand as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any concerns with the Home Rule Charter. Mr. Sittig asked if anyone had any concerns with term limits. He had spoke to a few people that had suggested term limits. He has mixed feelings about it. Mrs. Sigler stated that in your first 4 years of office you're just getting to know what's going on and how things work. It takes time to learn how government works. Mr. DiPetta stated that an election will determine if the people want you in office or not. Mr. Rosteet agreed with Mr. DiPetta. Mrs. Sigler stated that it's already hard trying to find people to serve, and this will make it harder. This is a hot-button issue.

Mr. DiPetta then called for a motion to insert term limits into the Home Rule Charter. There was no motion.

At this time Mr. Cole, City Attorney, asked the Commission to consider amending Section 2-06 and Section 8-12. In Section 2-06 the following amendment would need to be made:

A council member shall hold no other elected public office, nor be a compensated official or employee of the City government or any of its political subdivisions during the term for which elected to the council, and no former council member shall hold any compensated appointive office or employment of the City government or any of its political subdivisions until ~~one (1)~~ two (2) years after the expiration of the term for which elected to the council. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a council member from serving as a member of a Charter Commission, constitutional convention or political party committee nor prevent any current or former council member from appointment to a vacancy pursuant to Sections 2-04 or 3-07.

In Section 8-12 the following amendment would need to be made:

"Shall the revised and restated Home Rule Charter ~~and plan of government~~ for the City of Sulphur, prepared and submitted ~~for~~ by the duly constituted citizen Charter Commission according to Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable law, be adopted?"

Motion was made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mr. Rosteet that the following amendments be made:

Section 2-06. Prohibitions

- A. A council member shall hold no other elected public office, nor be a compensated official or employee of the City government or any of its political subdivisions during the term for which elected to the council, and no former council member shall hold any compensated appointive office or employment of the City government or any of its political subdivisions until ~~one (1)~~ two (2) years after the expiration of the term for which elected to the council. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a council member from serving as a member of a Charter Commission, constitutional convention or political party committee nor prevent any current or former council member from appointment to a vacancy pursuant to Sections 2-04 or 3-07.

Section 8-12. Charter Ballot

The ballot form for the referendum on this proposed Charter shall be:

"Shall the revised and restated Home Rule Charter ~~and plan of government~~ for the City of Sulphur, prepared and submitted ~~for~~ by the duly constituted citizen Charter Commission according to Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable law, be adopted?"

_____ YES

_____ NO

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. Sittig, Mrs. Granger, Mrs. Venissat, Mr. DiPetta

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Emmons

And the said amendments were declared duly adopted on this 27th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

Danny DiPetta, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

Resolution proposing revised and restated Home
Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the City Council as governing authority of the City of Sulphur acting pursuant to Section 7-06(E) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur and La. R.S. 33:1395-1 did adopt Ordinance No. 1811, M-C Series duly appointing seven citizens to serve as the Home Rule Charter Commission to modernize, update, and improve the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the citizen members of the Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Sulphur have met over the past four months to discuss how to modernize, update, and improve the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur, received comment from interested members of the public, and held a public hearing on the final proposal that was previously published for review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Home Rule Charter Commission for the City of Sulphur that it does hereby formally proposed the attached revised and restated Home Rule Charter and call for the City Council to call an election at the earliest opportunity provided for under the laws of Louisiana for ratification of this proposed Home Rule Charter.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this 27th day of March, 2023 after public notice and following a final public hearing.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. Sittig, Mrs. Granger, Mrs. Venissat, Mr. DiPetta

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Emmons

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 27th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

Danny DiPetta, Chairman

Mr. DiPetta then asked if there were any comments from the Commission. The Commissioners thanked Administration for allowing them to serve on this commission. Mayor Danahay thanked them also and was proud of the document they are presenting before the citizens of Sulphur.

Mr. DiPetta then asked if there were any comments from the public. With no comments from the public, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

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