



# City of Cleveland Heights Charter Review Commission

## Decisions and Rationales

7 February 2019  
Council Chambers  
Cleveland Heights City Hall

Charter Review Commission: Present; Patrycja Ajdukiewicz, Craig Cobb, Jessica Cohen, Vice Chair, John Newman, Jr., Chair, Howard Maier, Carla Rautenberg, Vince Reddy, Maia Rucker, and Jim Vail. Absent: Michael Gaynier, Randy Keller, David Perelman and Katherine Solender.

### 1. Commencement of the meeting

The Chair noted that, the Committee of the Whole having dissolved, the body was now sitting as the formal Commission.

### 2. Anticipated interaction with Council

It was recognized that, following anticipated delivery of a proposed charter and a report to Council, Council would undoubtedly expect at least some Commission members to be available for consultation and questions, with specifics currently unknown.

Jim Vail moved that the Chair and Vice Chair, individually or jointly, and any other members of the Commission that they may deem appropriate, be authorized to respond to any bodies that request the presence of a representative of the Commission. Howard Maier seconded the motion.

**Vote on the Motion:** Yes – 9      No – 0      Abstain – 0

### 3. Approval of the Amended Charter

The Commission took up the question of approving, or not, the Amended Charter.

Patty Ajdukiewicz moved that the Commission accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that the Amended Charter, in the form referred to

the Commission by the Committee of the Whole, be accepted and passed to Council with the recommendation that it be adopted. Howard Maier seconded the motion.

**Vote on the Motion:** Yes – 8      No – 1      Abstain – 0

#### 4. Approval of the Report

The Commission took up the question of approving, or not, the Report, the Chair having confirmed and clarified that the grid/table is an integral part of the Report, will appear in it under the heading of “Appendix,” and is thus encompassed within any vote on acceptance of the Report.

Patty Ajdukiewicz moved that the Commission accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that the Report, in the form referred to the Commission by the Committee of the Whole, be accepted and passed to Council. Howard Maier seconded the motion.

**Vote on the Motion:** Yes – 9      No – 0      Abstain – 0

#### 5. Preparation and Approval of Decisions and Rationales

Patty Ajdukiewicz moved that the Chair and Vice Chair be authorized to prepare and attest to the Decisions and Rationales to reflect the three actions taken during the meeting of the full Commission. Maia Rucker seconded the motion.

**Vote on the Motion:** Yes – 9      No – 0      Abstain – 0

#### 6. Adjournment

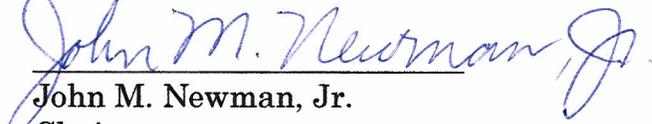
Jim Vail moved to adjourn the business of the Commission subject to confirmation by Council. Maia Rucker seconded the motion.

Before taking the vote, the Commission expressed deep appreciation for the yeoman effort and assistance provided, over many months of days and nights both during and in between meetings, by the Facilitator, Dr. Larry Keller, and by City staff, with special reference to Elizabeth Rothenberg and Jim Juliano for legal counsel, to Steve Barker for technological assistance, and to the Assistant City Manager, Susanna Niermann O’Neill, for her spearheading of the entire the process on the staff side.

**Vote on the Motion:** Yes – 9      No – 0      Abstain – 0

The meeting of the Commission was adjourned.

Attest:

  
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John M. Newman, Jr.

Chair

  
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Jessica Cohen

Vice Chair