City of Cleveland Heights
Charter Review Commission

Decisions and Rationales

7 February 2019
Council Chambers
Cleveland Heights City Hall


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:

John M. Newman Jr.
Chair

Jessica Cohen
Vice Chair