

LAFOURCHE PARISH HOME RULE
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
BARRIOS CENTER
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

The Charter Revision Commission assembled at its regular meeting place, Barrios Center, 1612 HWY. 182, Suite 100, Raceland, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at 6:30 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Plaisance at 6:30 P.M.

A prayer was given by Joseph Fertitta, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Sharleen Hotard.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Mary Kitchen (came in late)
Sharleen Hotard
Charles Beasley
O. E. Monnier, Jr.
Danny Mayet
Henry Lafont, Jr.
John Plaisance
Joseph "Joe" Mickles
Walter Lanier, Jr.
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta

Absent:

Elizabeth Breaux

A motion was made by Charles Beasley and seconded by Walter I. Lanier, Jr. That the minutes of May 18, 2004, be deferred. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

The Commission discussed Article V, Section 1, Paragraph A, "Definition of an Ordinance".

Judge Lanier explained the proposed amendments to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph A.

A motion by Charles Beasley and seconded by Joseph Mickles, that Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A, "Definition of an Ordinance", be accepted. Without objection the motion was adopted.

The Commission discussed Article V, Section 1, Paragraph B, "Definition of a Resolution".

Article V, Section 1, Paragraph B, "Definition of a Resolution", is amended by deleting number 2 and adding a sentence to read as follows:

Call an election for a Referendum as provided for in this Charter.

Chairman Plaisance recognized Kirk Cheramie. Mr Cheramie questioned the commission on Resolutions pertaining to the public having the right to voice their opinion.

A motion by Henry Lafont and seconded by Joseph Mickles that Article V, Section 1, Paragraph B, "Definition of a Resolution", be amended to add that the public has the right to speak if a resolution has the force and effect of law.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
O. E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	No
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	Yes

A motion by Walter Lanier, Jr. and seconded by O.E. Monnier, Jr. that Article V, Section 1, Paragraph B, “Definition a of Resolution” be amended to add that the Council not a committee must pass a resolution. That a substantive resolution cannot be adopted at committee meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
O. E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	No
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	Yes

Walter I. Lanier, Jr. proposed to add to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph B, the following;

No substantive resolution listed above shall be adopted at a committee meeting.

Chairman Plaisance recognized Kirk Cheramie. Mr Cheramie addressed the commission pertaining to signing of checks.

Chairman Plaisance recognized Parish President, Charlotte Randolph, President Randolph addressed the commission pertaining to signing of checks.

After discussion with the commission the proposed amendment for signing will be added to Article III, of the Charter.

Chairman Plaisance recognized Parish President, Charlotte Randolph. President Randolph expressed her concerns pertaining to the Council being able to remove the administrator or department heads.

After discussion, Article 3, Section 3 Paragraph D (5) and (6) would be amended to include the following:

Paragraph D (5);

Remove the administrator or department head for just cause.

Paragraph D (6);

Confirm or reject the administrator pursuant to Article III, Section 3 Paragraph D (5);

Add 7 (A) to state; Remove the administrator or department head for just cause pursuant to Article III Section 3, Paragraph D (6)

A motion by Henry Lafont and seconded by seconded by Joseph Fertitta, that Article V, Section 1, Paragraph B, “ Definition of a Resolution” be adopted as amended.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
O. E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	Yes

The Commission discussed Article V, Section 1, Paragraph C, Definition of a Motion and Effect of violating This Section.

A motion by Henry Lafont and seconded by Joseph Fertitta that Article V, Section 1, Paragraph C, “Definition of A Motion” and Paragraph D, “Effect of Violating This Section” be adopted. Without objection motion was adopted.

Article V, Section 2, Paragraph F, “Amendment” was amended in the second sentence to substitute ordinance for amendment. “Unless other wise provided for in this Charter”, was added to the last.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	No
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
Octave “Butch” Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	No

Article V, Section 2, Paragraph I, “Signing of Ordinances” was amended to read as follows:

The Council Chair and the Council Clerk shall sign each ordinance within 10 day after it has been enacted.

Article V, Section 2, Paragraph J, “Notification to Council of President’s veto” was amended to read as follows:

When the Council Clerk receives an ordinance that has been vetoed by the president, he/she shall immediately notify the members of the Council of the veto by certified mail, return receipt requested.

A motion by Charles Beasley and seconded by Joseph Fertitta, that Article V, Section 2 Paragraph J (3) be adopted as amended.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	No
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
Octave "Butch" Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	No
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	Yes

A motion by Joseph Mickles and seconded by Sharleen Hotard, that Article V, Section 2 (M) be amended to read as follows:

Within ten (10) days after an ordinance has been enacted, it shall be delivered to the official journal by the Council Clerk for publication.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	No
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
Octave "Butch" Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	No

A motion by Henry Lafont and seconded by Joseph Mickles that Article V, Section 2 be adopted as amended

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
O. E. Monnier, Jr.	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes

Joseph "Joe" Fertitta No

The Commission discusses Article V, Section 3, "Emergency Ordinances."

A motion by Henry Lafont and seconded by Sharleen Hotard, that Article V, Section 3, "Emergency Ordinances" be amended to include life, health, property and public safety.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	No
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	No
Octave "Butch" Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	No
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	No
Walter Lanier, Jr.	No
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	Yes

The motion failed.

Commission discussed Article V, Section 4, "Codes of Technical Regulations"

A motion by Danny Mayet and seconded by Joseph Mickles, that Article V, Section 4, "Codes of Technical Regulations" be adopted.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
Octave "Butch" Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	Yes

The Commission discussed Article V, Section 5, "Maintaining The Parish Code of Ordinances"

A motion by Henry Lafont and seconded by Sharleen Hotard that Article V, Section 5, "Maintaining The Parish Code of Ordinances" be adopted.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
Octave "Butch" Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes

Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	Yes

The Commission discussed Article V, Section 6, “Maintaining Records of Resolutions”.

Article V, Section 6, “Maintaining Records of Resolutions the second sentence was amended to read as follows:

Resolutions also shall be separately recorded and indexed by the Council Clerk and may be maintained by electronic data management.

A motion by Joseph Mickles and seconded by Danny Mayet, that Article V, Section 6, Maintaining Records of Resolutions be adopted.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Kitchen	Yes
Sharleen Hotard	Yes
Elizabeth Breaux	Absent
Charles Beasley	Yes
Octave “Butch” Monnier	Yes
Danny Mayet	Yes
Henry Lafont, Jr.	Yes
John Plaisance	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Mickles	Yes
Walter Lanier, Jr.	Yes
Joseph “Joe” Fertitta	Yes

Article V, Finance, Article VI, Initiative and Referendum, Article VII, General Provisions, and Article VIII, Amendment or Repeal will be on the agenda for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at 6:30 P.M..

On motion by Sharleen Hotard and seconded by Henry Lafont, the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M..

MARY KITCHEN, Assistant Secretary

JOHN J PLAISANCE, II, Chairman