



Minutes  
Ad Hoc Charter and Rules  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

Those attending: Chair: Councilor O'Connell, Councilor Allie,  
Councilor Dondley  
Others Attending: Matt Roman, Amy Porter

**1. Review and History of the Ad Hoc Charter and Rules Committee**

History of this Ad Hoc Committee reviewed and summarized. Motion made to accept history and summary and remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell YES  
Allie YES  
Dondley YES Motion passes

**2. Extension of Mayor's Term**

This item is currently in L&O and the Ad Hoc Charter and rules Committee felt that it would be redundant to have in both committees.

Motion made to remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell YES  
Allie YES  
Dondley YES Motion passes

**3. Terms of Department Heads**

Motion made to remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell YES  
Allie YES  
Dondley YES Motion passes

#### **4. Posting of City Budget**

After much discussion regarding the benefits to the public and the likelihood that residents would make use of this draft information the Committee decided to remove from committee.

Motion made to remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

#### **5. Mayor's Salary**

This item has already been voted on by Council

. Motion made to remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

#### **6. Summary of Attorney Martin's questionnaire**

Motion made to remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

#### **7. Review of City Charter**

The Committee discussed advantages to undertaking a two year project and the value that this might generate. After discussion it was decided that this was not the time for a widespread charter review.

Motion made to  
remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

## 8. Terms of Mayor and City Council extended

As indicated in item number 2 the matter of the Mayor's term is in L&O. The committee felt that they did not want to discuss or decide now whether the terms of the Council should be extended.

Motion made to accept history and summary and remove from Committee with no action:

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

## 9. Changes to Charter 29 and Council Rules 25, 33, 36,

1. Charter **Section 29**. This section states "unless prohibited by the General laws, any order or resolution may be passed through all of its stages of legislation at 1 session: if no member of the council objects thereto. If any member of the council objects, the measure shall be postponed for that meeting." If any change is desired, the change would have to be made by a Home rule petition to the state legislature. The committee discussed the benefits and logistics of changing this Charter Section and determined that it was not worthy of a Home Rule petition action.

Motion made to give this motion a negative recommendation,

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

2. Rules of Council **Section 25**-Action on nominations by the Mayor  
The Ad Hoc Charter and Rules Committee felt that we did not have enough information on this motion and Motion was made to have the item remain in committee with no action and request from the petitioner more information.

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

3. Rules of Council **Section 33** Suspension, amendment or repeal of rules or orders. The Ad Hoc Charter and Rules Committee felt that we did not have enough information on this motion and Motion was made to have the item remain in committee with no action and request from the petitioner more information.

O'Connell	YES	
Allie	YES	
Dondley	YES	Motion passes

4. Rules of Council **Section 36** Reading by title:final vote to be by roll-call.  
The Ad Hoc Charter and Rules Committee felt that we did not have enough information on this motion and voted to have the item remain in committee with no action and request from the petitioner more information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM