

**MINUTES
HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION
May 2, 2016**

The Home Rule Charter Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

The chairman meeting was called to order and instructed Secretary Linette Pascalín to call roll.

PRESENT: Messrs. Alden Andre, Price Gay, Mrs. Gail Hurst, Messrs. Jeremy LaCombe Jacques LaCour, Cletus Langlois, Richard Maciasz and Jimmy Lyles, Chairman.
Arrived after roll call: Mr. Cornell Dukes.

ABSENT: Messrs. Albert Dukes and Albert Sneed.

OTHER

PRESENT: Messrs. Dannie Garrett, Charles Morgan, James Fairchild and Tommy Comeaux.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Editor Tommy Comeaux informed the commission Wednesday, May 4, 2016 is his last day to be employed by The Pointe Coupee Banner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2016

Motion by Mr. Maciasz and seconded by Mr. Gay:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 18, 2016 be approved and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT FOR THE HOME RULE CHARTER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH

Attorney Dannie Garrett reviewed with the commission the process for applying with the Bond Commission for approval of the Home Rule Charter to be placed on the ballot for the November election. The HRC Commission will need approval from the Police Jury to be placed on the Bond Commission's June 16, 2016 agenda. Attorney Garrett will hand deliver a certified copy of the resolution to the Bond Commission. After approval by the Bond Commission, the Charter has to be presented to the Secretary of State by June 22, 2016.

Attorney Garrett further stated application can be made to the Bond Commission for the appropriate agenda if any unseen issues occur.

Approval to submit application to the Bond Commission will be an item placed on the Police Jury agenda for May 10, 2016.

Attorney Garrett reviewed the preliminary draft of the Charter with the commission and asked for any discussion or changes be made at this time.

Motion by Mr. Gay and seconded by Mrs. Hurst:

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council be comprised of eight members, who shall be elected from single member districts.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Lyles, C. Dukes, Andre, Gay, Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Lacour, Langlois and Maciasz.

NAYS: Mr. LaCombe.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Sneed.

On a vote of 8-1-2, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Maciasz and seconded by Mr. LaCombe:

RESOLVED, That the Council and President serve the same term limit of three (3) consecutive terms.

Substitute motion by Mr. Gay and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That no term limit be placed on neither the Council or President.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. C. Dukes, Andre, Gay, Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. LaCombe, Lacour and Langlois.

NAYS: Messrs. Lyles and Maciasz.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Sneed.

On a vote of 7-2-2, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That the Council set the compensation of the Council Clerk in the Parish Operating Budget.

Unanimously carried.

The commission further discussed concerns that were received from citizens. The commission agreed to meet with their Juror to obtain information and concerns.

Motion by Mr. Gay and seconded by Mr. Andre:

RESOLVED, That the Parish President's salary be \$110,000.00 per year with parish benefits.

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The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. C. Dukes, Andre, Gay, LaCombe and Langlois.

NAYS: Mr. Lyles, Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Lacour and Maciasz.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Sneed.

On a vote of 5-4-2, the motion carried.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be May 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Lyles asked the commission to give dates available for holding the public meetings.

He stated the public meetings will be held at four (4) different locations as follows: New Roads Civic Center, Livonia Community Center, Innis Gym and the Lakeland Catholic Church Hall.

The commission agreed on public meetings dates as followed: May 16, 17, 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2016. Secretary Pascalini will contact the four (4) centers for available dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Andre and seconded by Mrs. Hurst, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

JIMMY LYLES, CHAIRMAN