

**City of Taylor**  
**Charter Review Commission Meeting**  
**Taylor Public Library, Meeting Room, 801 Vance Street**  
**April 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman McDonald declared a quorum and called the meeting to with the following present:

John McDonald, Chair  
Gary Gola, Vice Chair  
Peter Bryan  
Betty Day

John Harper  
Jackie Krueger  
Christine Lopez  
Angelina Shelton

Absent: Jim Buzan

Also attending:

Legal Counsel, Charlie Zech  
City Clerk, Lucy Aldrich

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

No one spoke.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Consider approval of March 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes.**  
*Motion was made by Christine Lopez to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Betty Day. Motion carried unanimously.*
2. **Discuss and consider drafted amendments to Article 4.**

Charlie Zech presented drafted amendments to Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 reflecting direction provided by the Commission during the March 16, 2026, meeting. The amendments were associated with the following items:

- CR-05 and CR-12 (Section 4.1) – Amending language to remove duplication of term length provisions and deleting language regarding selection of the Mayor from among Councilmembers due to inconsistency with Section 7.1.
- CR-34 (Section 4.2) – Removing the requirement that a councilmember shall not be indebted to the City.
- CR-35 (Section 4.4) – Revising vacancy language to allow the City Council, by majority vote, to fill a vacancy at the next regularly scheduled election if twelve (12) months or less remain in the unexpired term.

*Motion was made by Christine Lopez to approve the amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.*

A proposed amendment related to council term limits, including creation of a new section (4.6), was presented by Mr. Zech. The Commission requested by consensus additional revisions to the draft language, and the item will be brought back at a future meeting for further consideration.

**3. Discuss and consider any amendments to Articles 5 through 9.**

The Commission discussed and considered proposed amendments to Articles 5 through 9 of the Charter, utilizing the amendment spreadsheet and reviewing the Charter text. The commission progressed through Articles 5 through 7.2, with the remaining articles to be considered at a subsequent meeting. During discussion:

- No Changes Recommended – The Commission reviewed proposed amendments to Sections 5.1 and 5.2 and determined no changes were necessary.
- Tabled –
  - CR-54 submitted by Jim Buzan related to Boards and Commissions was tabled for consideration at a subsequent meeting.
  - A proposed amendment related to recommending the creation of a committee to evaluate increasing the number of councilmembers was discussed. The Commission considered whether to recommend such a committee to the City Council or to require its creation within the Charter. Following discussion, this item was tabled to a future meeting.
- Covered by State Law –
  - During review of Sections 5.1 and Article 7 (Personnel), the Commission discussed the City's status as a civil service municipality under Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code. Mr. Zech provided clarification regarding the governance and oversight of civil service positions. No Charter amendments were proposed as these matters are governed by state law.
  - A proposed amendment to Section 6.1 to change election dates from May to November was discussed; however, the Commission noted that the change of election dates are governed by state law and no Charter amendment is required.
- Referred to Legal Counsel – Amendment CR-38 (Section 7.1), related to councilmember authority and agenda-setting, was discussed. Mr. Zech will draft language for further consideration at a future meeting.
- Administrative/Clerical Corrections – A possible typographical issue was identified in Section 7.1 related to language stating that meetings presided over by the Mayor Pro Tem shall be held within the city limits. The provision was noted to read inconsistently. The City Clerk will review the language and report back to the Commission with findings.
- No Action Taken –
  - CR-49 (no back-to-back special called council meetings) was determined to be already addressed in Section 8.1 and required no further action.
  - CR-19 (Section 7.2), regarding a residency requirement for the City Manager, was discussed, and no amendment was recommended

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All actions were taken by consensus. Remaining articles starting with 7.3 will be considered at a subsequent meeting.

**4. Discuss and consider amendments on Recall.**

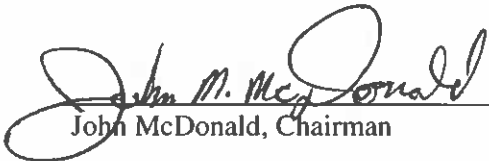
No discussion was held on this item.

**5. Discuss and consider amendments on Ethics.**

No discussion was held on this item.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman McDonald called for a motion to adjourn. Betty Day motioned to adjourn, and Christine Lopez seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

  
John McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

