

City of Taylor
Charter Review Commission Meeting
Taylor Public Library, Meeting Room, 801 Vance Street
May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman McDonald declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Present:

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

John Harper
Jackie Krueger
Christine Lopez
Angelina Shelton
Vacant Seat

Also attending:

Legal Counsel, Charlie Zech
City Clerk, Lucy Aldrich

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one signed up to speak.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of May 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

The Commission reviewed the May 4, 2026, meeting minutes. The Commission directed that Item 4 be amended to reflect that discussion on the recall item occurred both before and after the vote; that the Chair's written statement distributed by the City Clerk after the May 4 meeting be included in the record; that the statement incorrectly attributed the motion to "call the question" to Commissioner Gary Gola and that the motion was made by Commissioner Peter Bryan; and that the reference to legal counsel in the statement referred to the City Attorney, not to Mr. Zech.

The Chair's written statement was included verbatim in the May 4th minutes.

Motion was made by Gary Gola to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Jackie Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider inclusion of an addendum on the boards and commissions appointment process in the final Charter amendment report.

The Commission reviewed the Chair's drafted addendum regarding the appointment process for city boards and commissions, prepared in response to the Commission's direction at the May 4 meeting to include such an addendum in the Final Charter Review Report. The Commission discussed the proposed addendum and agreed that it accurately reflected the Commission's concerns and recommendations to the City Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Betty Day to approve the addendum as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner John Harper. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider a drafted amendment regarding requirements for a vote after executive session.

Mr. Zech presented a drafted memorandum outlining options for charter language related to requirements for a vote following executive session. Multiple options were provided, with Option B identified as Legal Counsel's recommendation.

Motion was made by Gary Gola to recommend to the City Council the language provided by Mr. Zech using Option B. Motion was seconded by Christine Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and consider the addition of a new Article regarding Charter Review.

By consensus, the Commission directed Mr. Zech to draft language that would provide for a Charter Review to be done at least once every 10 years and that the review would include a legal review.

5. Discuss and consider tabled item – Council Compensation.

After discussions, the Commission by consensus agreed to make no changes to Council compensation in the Charter.

6. Discuss and consider tabled item – Number of Council Members.

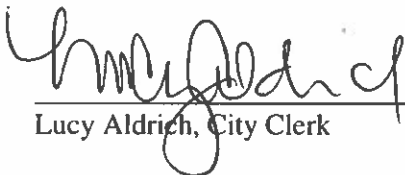
Gary Gola, who submitted a proposed amendment to the number of council members, withdrew his request.

ADJOURN

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


John McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk