

GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2007

7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Macaleer, Jerry McGlone, Henry Briggs, Sandra Kelley and Jim Vike

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Henry Briggs, seconded by Bill Macaleer and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 2007.

The Commission reviewed the definition of “resident” and discussed the definition of “domicile”. The Commission recommended that the definition of “domicile” be deleted.

The Commission will ask Mr. Pompo if the definition of “Immediate Family” can be expanded to include stepchild(ren), stepbrother(s), stepsister(s), in-laws, halves and/or life partner or be defined in accordance with the state standards of an “immediate family”.

Section 604, first paragraph, add the word “officers” after the word “following”, so that it reads “The Borough staff shall include, but not be limited to the following officers:”.

Section 211, A. (4), should read as follows: Fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Council or 40% of all scheduled Council meetings in a twelve month period. A definition should be added for Regular Meetings vs. Work Session Meetings.

Section 210, A. Revise the language to read as follows: “Following a vacancy in the office of a Member of Council, Borough Council shall advertise the vacancy, one time in a newspaper of general circulation, then take nominations at the next regular meeting, no earlier than fourteen (14) days from the date of the vacancy. At the following regular meeting, no later than sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, a replacement should be selected. A replacement should be selected to serve until the next certified election”. If the Council shall fail to fill any vacancy due to a deadlock vote, then the Mayor may vote on the appointment.

Section 210, D. Revise the language to read as follows: “The person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next election at which the successor shall have been elected.”

Section 210, E. Delete in its entirety.

Article IX, Citizen Participation, from West Chester’s Charter, should be added to the Borough’s HRC, with the following revision: Section 903. F. Revise the language to read as follows: “Initiative and referendum powers shall not extend to taxes, the budget or capital programs in their entirety, zoning, nor to any emergency ordinance Any proposed ordinance must include funding provisions.”

As time ran out, the Commission was not able to continue discussion of the Draft Charter and will begin discussion at Article IV, Mayor, at the next meeting.

The next meeting date is November 26, 2007.

A motion was made by Jerry McGlone, seconded by Bill Macaleer and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley