

City of North Canton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

The Charter Advisory Board of the City of North Canton shall hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM at North Canton Civic Center 845 W Maple St. North Canton, OH 44720.

See attached agenda for matters to be discussed.

Meetings are open to the public or may be livestreamed on the City of North Canton's YouTube page.

BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, STATE OF OHIO:

Feb. 11, 2022
Date

Benjamin R. Young
Clerk

NORTH CANTON REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2022, 5:00 PM
Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

3.a Minutes from January 31, 2022 - First Meeting

4. Recognition of the Public

5. New Business

5.a Section 2.01 Paragraph 3, Submitted by City and Public

Amend Charter Section 2.01 paragraph 3 to alter the term of elected officials from 2 years to 4 year staggered terms. Changes would also be needed in Section 3.01 to match.

5.b Section 2.01 Paragraphs 3 and 4, Submitted by City

Amend Charter Section 2.01 paragraph 3 and 4 in order to change term start date to January 1st instead of December 1st. Change would also be needed in Section 3.01 to match.

5.c Section 2.01 Paragraph 4, Submitted by City

Amend Charter Section 2.01 paragraph 4 to alter the organizational meeting of Council date from the current variable first three days of starting month to first Monday of starting month.

5.d Section 2.04 Paragraphs 3 and 4, Submitted by City

Amend Charter Section 2.04 paragraphs 3 and 4 to remove in person or home delivery of notice and replace with "A city provided means of electronic communication" and eliminate paragraph 4.

5.e Section 2.05 Paragraph 5, Submitted by City

Amend Charter Section 2.05 to eliminate the word "regular" in paragraph 5 in order to avoid confusion on the use of special meetings.

5.f Section 2.05 Paragraph 5, Submitted by City

Amend Charter Section 2.05 paragraph 5 in order to specify distinct differences between ordinances and resolutions, limit the uses of resolutions, and allow resolutions to be passed more quickly than ordinances.

5.g Section 2.05 Paragraph 9, Submitted by City

Amend Charter Section 2.05 paragraph 9 and subsequent to eliminate the requirement for publishing in a newspaper and replace with requirements that full texts of all legislation be posted on the City's website within 48 hours of passage and that titles of recently passed ordinances be posted at City Hall and Council Chambers for two weeks after passage.

5.h New Provision, Submitted by Public

Add a Section to Article 2 dictating that Committees of Council shall consist of three members and must meet individually not as committee of the whole.

6. Adjourn



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CHARTER ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 14, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Benjamin Young, Council's Office

ITEM TYPE: Administrative Board New Business

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

SUBJECT: **Section 2.01 Paragraph 3, Submitted by City and Public**
Amend Charter Section 2.01 paragraph 3 to alter the term of elected officials from 2 years to 4 year staggered terms. Changes would also be needed in Section 3.01 to match.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by members of City Council, the Office of the Mayor, and members of the public. The propose change would alter the terms of elected officials so that instead of electing all positions every two years half of the elected officials would be up every two years. The two separate four year rotations would be Ward Councilmembers on one rotation and At-Large Councilmembers and the Mayor on the other rotation. The result being 4 year staggered terms. This would help maintain a continuity of government and retain some institutional knowledge.

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SUBJECT: **Section 2.01 Paragraphs 3 and 4, Submitted by City**
 Amend Charter Section 2.01 paragraph 3 and 4 in order to change term start date to January 1st instead of December 1st. Change would also be needed in Section 3.01 to match.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by Councilmembers in order to have the legislative term start match the calendar and fiscal years. The change would also provide more lead time for certifying election results in close elections and for training of incoming Councilmembers before their duties begin.

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SUBJECT: **Section 2.01 Paragraph 4, Submitted by City**
Amend Charter Section 2.01 paragraph 4 to alter the organizational meeting of Council date from the current variable first three days of starting month to first Monday of starting month.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by Council's office and will allow the organizational meeting to be a set date on the calendar that City staff, candidates, and the public, know well in advance instead of scrambling to decide a date based on everyone's schedules after election results are know.

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SUBJECT: **Section 2.04 Paragraphs 3 and 4, Submitted by City**
Amend Charter Section 2.04 paragraphs 3 and 4 to remove in person or home delivery of notice and replace with "A city provided means of electronic communication" and eliminate paragraph 4.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by Council's office and is simply intended to up date the method of notification of special meetings to modern standards. With the advent of email, text, and instant messaging physical notice of special meetings is simply unnecessary and can be easily supplanted with modern technology.

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SUBJECT: **Section 2.05 Paragraph 5, Submitted by City**
Amend Charter Section 2.05 to eliminate the word "regular" in paragraph 5 in order to avoid confusion on the use of special meetings.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested to eliminate potential confusion regarding if legislation considered at a special meeting called by any legal means can or can not be considered there at.

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SUBJECT: **Section 2.05 Paragraph 5, Submitted by City**
Amend Charter Section 2.05 paragraph 5 in order to specify distinct differences between ordinances and resolutions, limit the uses of resolutions, and allow resolutions to be passed more quickly than ordinances.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by Council's Office and is intended to better define when a resolution or an ordinance should be used, to limit resolutions to only uses that express the opinion or will of Council and do not impose laws under which a citizen may be punished or that grant authority, and create a separate process that lets resolution pass with only one reading and without the opportunity for Mayoral veto. The intent is to carve out resolutions as action of the legislature that are solely within the discretion of the legislative authority and only express their opinion or will and should therefore not be subject to the Mayor's concurrence. Example include appointments made the legislature, legislative acceptance of union contracts negotiated by the executive branch, formal declarations of instructions to legislative staff, or recognition or support of community members, events, or efforts. The City of Louisville has and excellent template for what items may only be done via ordinance as follows:

- Items required by state law to be ordinances
- anything that is punishable by or imposes a fine or other penalty under law
- Anything appropriating funds or authorizing the expenditure

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- anything authorizing contracting or other agreement binding to the City
- Authorizing indebtedness
- The purchase, lease, or sale of real property
- granting of franchises
- creating, abolishing, or reorganizing any City departments or division
- establishing compensation of personnel or regulations relating thereto
- Any permanent or general rule of conduct of a government office

Resolutions are listed for:

- address specific matters of a temporary nature
- authorize administrative actions
- express a position or opinion of Council
- May not establish any permanent or General rule of conduct

See Section 15 of the City of Louisville Charter for reference.

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SUBJECT: **Section 2.05 Paragraph 9, Submitted by City**
 Amend Charter Section 2.05 paragraph 9 and subsequent to eliminate the requirement for publishing in a newspaper and replace with requirements that full texts of all legislation be posted on the City's website within 48 hours of passage and that titles of recently passed ordinances be posted at City Hall and Council Chambers for two weeks after passage.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by Council's office which spends in excess of \$10,000 annually to publish legal notices in the newspaper for every piece of legislation. Community survey results show that only 24.8% of the City's population still receives a physical newspaper. Publishing in the newspaper does not appear to be an effective method for mass public information dissemination nor worth the high monetary cost incurred by the City. Publication on the website will ensure that legislation is publicly accessible for years to come in full as opposed to by title only as is currently published.

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SUBJECT: **New Provision, Submitted by Public**

Add a Section to Article 2 dictating that Committees of Council shall consist of three members and must meet individually not as committee of the whole.

DESCRIPTION: This amendment was requested by a member of the public. The intent is to foster more detailed discussion of legislation before City Council and make committee members more directly responsible for the content of legislation. This would be a return to previous historic council practice that was previously abandoned reportedly to better comply with Ohio Sunshine laws given that three person committees would potentially preclude Councilmembers from being able to speak at all except in public meetings.

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