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NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mayor's Conference Room of City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Charter Review Committee of the City of Garland, Texas will be held Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. at 200 N. Fifth Street, in the Mayor's Conference Room, Garland, Texas.

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item related to committee business are allowed three minutes to speak.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **Consider Changes for Council Item 15, various sections as recommended by City Staff.**
- b. **Consider Changes for Council Item 4, Article III, Section 3, related to Council and Mayor Compensation.**

- c. **Consider Changes for Council Item 5, Article III, Section 4, related to adding a Reference to the Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Position.**

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

NOTE: A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Committee or board.



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Charter Review Committee Agenda

1.

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

Item Title:

Summary:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting.

Attachments

9-26-23 Draft Minutes



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MINUTES

The Charter Review Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the Work Session Room, 217 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

Present: Scott Roberts
Robert John Smith
Lori Barnett Dodson
Martin Glenn
Bill Oaks
Gayle Owens
Michael Rose
Steve Silas
Dorothy White

Staff Present: Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Trey Lansford, Deputy City Attorney
Eloyce René Dowl, Recording Secretary
Robert Goodwin, Assistant to the City Manager
Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary
Courtney Vanover, Department Coordinator

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The staff and committee members provided personal introductions.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Michael Rose to appoint Scott Roberts as the committee chair, seconded by Lori Barnett Dodson. The motion carried:

Vote: 9 ayes, 0 nays

A motion was made by Lori Barnett Dodson to appoint Robert John Smith as vice chair of the committee, seconded by Michael Rose. The motion carried:

Vote: 9 ayes, 0 nays

3. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE CHARGE TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Lansford reviewed the charge to the committee as outlined in **Resolution No. 10591**, adopted September 19, 2023:

The City Council hereby charges the CRC with the review of the following potential amendments to the Charter:

(1) Consider amending Article III, Section 1(A) to lengthen the current councilmember term from two (2) years to three (3) years and reduce the term limit of three (3) terms to two (2) terms.

(2) Consider amending Article III, Section 1(D) to revise the amount of time a person must wait between service in one elected role and running for another elected City position.

(3) Consider amending Article III, Section 1(D) to add an amount of time a person must wait between service in an elected role and appointment to a City Board, Committee, or Commission.

(4) Consider amending Article III, Section 3 to increase the amount of compensation paid to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

(5) Consider amending Article III, Section 4 to specifically reference the Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem position.

(6) Consider amending Article III, Section 5 to reduce the candidacy waiting period for appointed Interim Mayor or Councilmembers.

(7) Consider amending Article III, Section 11 to restrict the resignation for candidacy provision to solely elected positions within the City of Garland.

(8) Consider amending Article IV, Section 1(J) to clarify the Powers of Council as related to the alignment of streets, thoroughfares, and alleys.

(9) Consider amending Article IV, Section 2 to clarify that Councilmembers may remove their own appointees at any time.

(10) Consider amending Article IV, Section 3 to clarify which Councilmember communications and interactions with City staff appointees made by the City Manager are impermissible "interference" under this section.

(11) Consider amending Article V, Section 2 to increase maximum term limitations of the City Manager's contract.

(12) Consider amending Article XI, Section 1(b) to add a waiting period for persons who were serving as Mayor or Councilmember before he or she may serve on the Plan Commission.

(13) Consider amending Article XI, Section 3 to increase the vote necessary for City Council to override a Plan Commission recommendation.

(14) Consider amending Article XI, Section 4 to revise the powers granted to Council related to planning and zoning matters.

(15) Consider amending the Charter in various sections, as recommended by the Office of the City Attorney, based on legal review.

4. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS A MEETING SCHEDULE

There was discussion by the committee to establish a regular meeting date.

The motion was made by Dorothy White to meet each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. until the CRC charge(s) were completed, and final recommendations delivered to the City Council, seconded by Lori Barnett Dodson. The motion carried:

Vote: 9 ayes, 0 nays

5. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS/APPROACH TO REVIEW

It was the consensus of the committee to review the charge(s) from the City Council and include additional suggestions from the committee. Robert John Smith suggested a possible change to modernize the language in the Charter.

6. ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ Scott Roberts, Chair

/s/ Eloyce René Dowl, Recording Secretary



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2.

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

Item Title: Public Comments

Summary:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item related to committee business are allowed three minutes to speak.



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Charter Review Committee Agenda

3. a.

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

Item Title: Council Item 15

Summary:

Consider Changes for Council Item 15, various sections as recommended by City Staff.

Attachments

10-10-23 Staff and Legal Presentation



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Staff Charter Review Proposed Changes

Charter Review Committee October 10, 2023

PRESENTATION

This presentation will focus on the recommended Charter revisions from City management and legal staff outside of those revisions specifically charged by the City Council.



Proposed Amendment:

Article II, Section 2

*Powers to acquire property inside or outside the City
for public purposes*

Requested by Councilmembers for Staff to review for legal compliance and/or recommended changes.

No changes recommended.



Proposed Amendment:

Article II, Section 2

Powers to acquire property inside or outside the City for public purposes

Original Language:

The City of Garland shall have the power to acquire by condemnation or purchase either private or public property located inside or outside of the corporate limits for the extension, improvement and enlargement of its water system, water supply reservoirs, standpipes, watersheds, dams; the laying, building, maintenance and construction of water mains and the laying, erection, establishment or maintenance of any necessary appurtenances or facilities which will furnish to the inhabitants of the City an abundant supply of wholesome water; for sewerage plants and systems; right-of-way for water and sewer lines; parks, playgrounds, hospitals, fire stations, police stations, airports and landing fields; incinerators or other garbage disposal plants; electric generating facilities and right-of-way for lines in connection therewith; gas plants and right-of-way for gas lines in connection therewith; extension, improvement, or enlargement of electric transmission or distribution facilities; streets, boulevards and alleys or other public ways; City jails; prison farms; City Halls and other municipal buildings; or any right-of-way needed in connection with any property used for any purpose hereinabove named; for the straightening or improving of the channel of any stream, branch or drain and for any other municipal or public purpose though not enumerated herein even though the property may be outside of the corporate limits. The procedure to be followed in any condemnation proceeding hereunder and authorized herein shall be in accordance with the provisions of the state law with reference to eminent domain.



Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 1(D)

Number, terms, Council districts, etc.

This section is part of the charge related to revising the amount of time a person must wait between service in one elected role and running for another elected City position or serving on a board or commission. That will be considered separately.

Staff recommendation is to consider a change to the definition of “term.” The language references time served “in excess of one (1) year,” but does not count for sliding election dates.

Example: Councilmember sworn in to fill vacancy on May 11, 2021. Ran the following year and was sworn in on May 17, 2022. Because it is more than a year, the expired term served would be considered a full term for that councilmember towards terming out.



Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 1(D)

Number, terms, Council districts, etc.

Original Language:

A person may serve as a member of the Council other than Mayor for three (3) consecutive terms but thereafter shall not again be eligible to serve in any district on the Council except Mayor until at least one complete term has elapsed. A person may serve three (3) consecutive terms as Mayor but thereafter shall not again be eligible to serve as Mayor until at least one complete term has elapsed. A person who has served as Mayor may not serve as a member of the City Council until at least one year has elapsed from the end of the term for which that person was elected. A “term” as used in this paragraph, shall include any period of service during a term of office when that period is in excess of one (1) year, and a period of service shall be considered “consecutive” so long as the person affected has served any amount of time within the preceding term.

Consider: A “term” as used in this paragraph, shall include any period of service during a term of office when that period is in excess of the time between the annual statutory uniform election dates in May, and a period of service shall be considered “consecutive” so long as the person affected has served any amount of time within the preceding term.



Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 5

Vacancies

This will be a change to be considered if the Committee recommends changing the Council term length from two (2) years to (3) years.

Where a municipality has terms of office longer than two years, Article XI, Section 11(c) of the Texas Constitution provides:

Any vacancy or vacancies occurring on such governing body shall not be filled by appointment but must be filled by majority vote of the qualified voters at a special election called for such purpose within one hundred and twenty (120) days after such vacancy or vacancies occur except that the municipality may provide by charter or charter amendment the procedure for filling a vacancy occurring on its governing body for an unexpired term of 12 months or less.

This will be brought back if necessary.



Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 5

Vacancies

Original Language:

(A) In the event a vacancy in the office of Mayor or City Council occurs, the City Council shall call a special election in accordance with state law and the Texas Constitution. However, where (i) the member vacating his or her office is unable or unwilling to hold-over until such time as the vacancy may be filled pursuant to a lawful election, (ii) the Governor of the State of Texas does not call an election to fill the vacancy after being petitioned by the City, and (iii) a special election cannot be called within 120 days, then the remaining members of the Council may by a three-fourths super-majority vote appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

(B) In the event the City Council elects to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacant seat, upon expiration of the partial term for which he or she was appointed, that person shall not again be eligible to serve in the same capacity on Council until one complete subsequent term of office has elapsed. An appointment by Council shall be for an interim term until such time as a special election may be called in accordance with state law and the Texas Constitution or until the current term expires. The Mayor or Councilmember vacating an office shall remain in office, if still qualified, until such time as a successor is sworn into the vacated office.



Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 10

Open Meetings

Requested by Councilmembers for Staff to
review for legal compliance and/or
recommended changes.

No changes recommended.



Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 10

Open Meetings

Original Language:

All meetings of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the rules of the Council shall provide that citizens of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any such meeting, in regard to any matter then under consideration.



Proposed Amendment:

Article XI, Section 7

Platting or subdivision control

HB 3699 was passed by the Texas Legislature this past session allowing the delegation of the approval of certain plats. The City would need to amend this section to implement this new statute.

Staff recommends revising this section to be consistent with the new law.

Original Language:

The Mayor shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as the head of the City government for all ceremonial purposes but shall have no regular administrative duties. He shall sign all municipal bonds, deeds of conveyances, vouchers, checks and orders as herein prescribed, and all instruments where the executive head of the City shall be required to act and shall perform all other duties as may be imposed on him by law and the ordinances of the City.

The Council shall elect from its members a Mayor Pro Tempore who shall perform the duties of Mayor in case of the absence or disability of the Mayor. In case of the absence or disability of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore, the remaining members of the Council shall elect one of the members to act as Mayor.



Proposed Amendment:

Article XI, Section 7

Platting or subdivision control

Original Language:

The City Plan Commission shall have control of the platting or subdivision of land within the City and in relation thereto shall have all of the power and authority conferred by the Acts of 1927, 40th Legislature, Chapter 231, as amended by the Acts of 1949, 51st Legislature, Chapter 154 and Article 6626 Revised Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended.

Consider:

The City Plan Commission shall have control of the platting or subdivision of land within the City and in relation thereto shall have all of the power and authority conferred by the Acts of 1927, 40th Legislature, Chapter 231, as amended by the Acts of 1949, 51st Legislature, Chapter 154 and Article 6626 Revised Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended. **The City Council may delegate approval of certain plats to the Planning Director, as allowed within Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code. Any plat conditionally approved or disapproved by the Planning Director would be appealable to the Plan Commission for reconsideration.**



Proposed Amendment:

Article XI, Section 8

Regulations governing subdivision of land

Requested by Councilmembers for Staff to review for legal compliance and/or recommended changes.

No changes recommended. The lists given are not exclusive.



Proposed Amendment:

Article XI, Section 8

Regulations governing subdivision of land

Original Language:

In exercising the powers granted to it by Section 7 of this article, the City Plan Commission may adopt regulations governing the subdivision of land within its jurisdiction. Such regulations may provide for the harmonious development of the City and its environs, for the coordination of streets and other ways within the subdivision land with other existing or planned streets and ways or for conformance to the official map, for adequate open spaces, for spaces for traffic, utilities, recreations, light and air, and for the avoidance of congestion of population. Such regulations may include requirements and the extent to which and the manner in which streets and other ways shall be graded and improved and water, sewer and other utility mains, piping, connections or other facilities shall be installed as a condition precedent to the approval of a subdivision.

The regulations of the Plan Commission may provide for a tentative approval of the plat prior to such improvements and installation; but any such tentative approval shall not be entered on the plat. In lieu of the completion of such work prior to the final approval of a plat, the City Plan Commission may accept a bond, in an amount and with surety satisfactory to the City Manager, providing and securing to the City the actual construction and installation of such improvements and utilities within a period specified by the City Plan Commission.



Proposed Amendment:

Article XII, Section 1

City Election

This section mandates a regular City election each year on the first Saturday in May.

Changing the language to a uniform election day would allow the City to comply if there are future changes in the law, an election date moves because of an act of force majeure, or there is a vacancy that needs to be filled by vote.



Proposed Amendment:

Article XII, Section 1

City Election

Original Language:

Except as otherwise provided by law, there shall be a regular City election each year on the first Saturday in May to elect candidates for expired terms of office or to fill vacancies due to resignations or removal from office, as needed, provided that the Council shall, if authorized by State law, declare unopposed candidates elected.

Consider:

Except as otherwise provided by law, there shall be a regular City election each year on ~~the first Saturday in May~~ state declared uniform election day to elect candidates for expired terms of office or to fill vacancies due to resignations or removal from office, as needed, provided that the Council shall, if authorized by State law, declare unopposed candidates elected.



Proposed Amendment:

Article XVII, Section 4

Claims Against the City

When this section was written, there was no Risk Management Department.

Staff recommendation is to make a change to allow the analysis and review of claims to be delegated to the Risk Management Department



Proposed Amendment:

Article XVII, Section 4

Claims Against the City

Original Language:

(A) The City of Garland shall never be liable for any personal injury, whether resulting in death or not, unless the person injured or someone in his or her behalf, or in the event the injury results in death, the person or persons who may have cause of action under the law by reason of such death or injury, shall file a notice in writing with the City Manager or City Secretary within six (6) months after the same has been sustained. The written notice must expressly state facts in sufficient detail so a determination can be made as to when, where, and how the death or injury occurred and the full extent thereof, together with the amount of damages claimed or asserted.

(B) The City of Garland shall never be liable for any claim for damage or injury to personal property unless the person whose personal property has been injured or damaged, or someone in his or her behalf, shall file a claim in writing with the City Manager or the City Secretary within six (6) months after said damage or injury has occurred. The written notice shall expressly state facts in sufficient detail so a determination can be made as to when, where, and how the injury or damage occurred and the amount of damage claimed.

(C) The City of Garland shall never be liable on account of any damage or injury to person or to personal property arising from or occasioned by any defect in any public street, highway, alley, grounds or public work of the City of Garland unless the specific defect causing the damage or injury shall have been actually known to the City Manager at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the occurrence of the injury or damage, or unless the attention of the City Manager shall have been called thereto by a notice thereof in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the occurrence of the injury or damage and proper diligence has not been exercised to rectify the defect. The notice herein required to be given to the City Manager of the specific defect causing the damage or injury shall apply where the defect arose from any omission of the City itself, through its agents, servants or employees, or acts of third parties



Proposed Amendment:

Article XVII, Section 4

Claims Against the City

Original Language:

(A) The City of Garland shall never be liable for any personal injury, whether resulting in death or not, unless the person injured or someone in his or her behalf, or in the event the injury results in death, the person or persons who may have cause of action under the law by reason of such death or injury, shall file a notice in writing with the ~~City Manager or City Secretary~~Risk Management Department within six (6) months after the same has been sustained. The written notice must expressly state facts in sufficient detail so a determination can be made as to when, where, and how the death or injury occurred and the full extent thereof, together with the amount of damages claimed or asserted.

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Thank you.





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Charter Review Committee Agenda

3. b.

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

Item Title: Consider Changes for Council Item 4, Article III, Section 3, related to Council and Mayor Compensation

Summary:

Consider Changes for Council Item 4, Article III, Section 3, related to Council and Mayor Compensation.

Background/Additional Information:

Article III, Section 3:

Original Language

§ 3 Compensation.

From and after October 1, 2018, the Mayor shall receive compensation in the base amount of five hundred and seventy five dollars (\$575.00) per month, each Councilmember shall receive compensation in the base amount of two hundred and eighty-eight dollars (\$288.00) per month, and all members of the Council shall receive compensation in the base amount of seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) for each work session attended by the member preceding a regular Council meeting, and for each regular meeting of the Council attended by the member. Each Councilmember shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties when approved by the Council.

Article III, Section 3:

Consider:

§ 3 Compensation.

From and after October 1, 2018, the Mayor shall receive compensation in the base amount of _____ dollars (\$____.00) per month, each Councilmember shall receive compensation in the base amount of _____ dollars (\$____.00) per month, and all members of the Council shall receive compensation in the base amount of _____ dollars (\$____.00) for each work session attended by the member preceding a regular Council meeting, and for each regular meeting of the Council attended by the member. Each Councilmember shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties when approved by the Council.

Attachments

Mayor and Council Compensation Comparision

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION COMPARISON

City	Type of Compenation	Mayor's Compensation	Council Member's Compensation
Arlington	Monthly	\$250	\$200
Carrollton	Monthly	\$200	\$375
Dallas	Annually	\$80,000	\$60,000
Ft. Worth	Annually	\$29,000	\$25,000
Frisco	Monthly	\$850	\$700
Grand Prairie	Monthly	\$100	\$25
Irving	Monthly	\$1,200	\$900
Lewisville	Per Council Mtng	\$50	\$50
McKinney	Per Council Mtng + Stipend	\$50 per Council mtng + \$100 per month stipend	
	Per Council Mtng		\$50
Mesquite	Monthly	\$100	
	Per Council Mtng		\$10 (\$50 month max)
Plano	Monthly	\$2,000	\$1,000
Richardson	Per Council Mtng	\$100 (\$5200 max anually)	\$100 (\$5200 max anually)

Mayor and Council Compensation Comparison

Arlington

Section 6. Compensation: Beginning October 1, 1980, and thereafter, the Mayor shall receive a compensation of \$250.00 per month, and each Council member shall receive a compensation of \$200.00 per month, and all appointive officers of the City Council, except where otherwise provided by law, shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the City Council. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the reimbursement of actual official City business expenses of the Mayor and City Council where same are provided in the annual City Budget. (Adopted by Charter Amendment, April 5, 1980)

Carrollton

Sec. 2.03. Compensation.

Members of the council shall be paid \$200.00 per month. The Mayor shall be paid \$375.00 per month. The Mayor and Council members shall be entitled to reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties when approved by the Council.

(Am. Ord. 2627 passed 8-14-01)

Dallas

SEC. 4. COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

(a) Effective October 1, 2001, each member of the city council, other than the mayor, shall receive as compensation for services the sum of \$37,500 for each year (prorated for partial years) that the member serves on the city council. The mayor shall receive as compensation for services the sum of \$60,000 for each year (prorated for partial years) served as mayor on the city council. *[Note: This version of subsection (a) is effective until the swearing in of city council members in June 2015.]*

(a) Effective upon the swearing in of city council members in June 2015, each member of the city council, other than the mayor, shall receive as compensation for services the sum of \$60,000 for each year (prorated for partial years) that the member serves on the city council. The mayor shall receive as compensation for services the sum of \$60,000 for each year (prorated for partial years) served as mayor on the city council. *[Note: This version of subsection (a) is effective upon the swearing in of city council members in June 2015 and until the swearing in as mayor of an individual who did not hold the office of mayor on November 4, 2014.]*

(a) Effective upon the swearing in of city council members in June 2015, each member of the city council, other than the mayor, shall receive as compensation for services the sum of \$60,000 for each year (prorated for partial years) that the member serves on the city council. Effective upon the swearing in as mayor of an individual who did not hold the office of mayor on November 4, 2014, the mayor shall receive as compensation for services the sum of \$80,000 for each year (prorated for partial years) served as mayor on the city council. *[Note: This version of subsection (a) is effective upon the swearing in as mayor of an individual who did not hold the office of mayor on November 4, 2014.]*

(b) For purposes of this section, a “year” means a 12-consecutive-month period.

(c) The compensation provided for in Subsection (a) will be paid on a biweekly basis.

(d) In addition to receiving the compensation provided for in Subsection (a), all necessary expenses incurred by members of the city council in the performance of their duties will be paid by the city, when authorized by the city council.

(e) If any city council member, including the mayor, misses more than 10 percent of the total number of regular meetings held by the city council during any compensation year, then the city council member's compensation provided for under Subsection (a) for that year will be reduced proportionately by the percentage of meetings missed. For purposes of this subsection, regular meetings include both those held by the full city council and those held by the standing city council committees on which a member serves. Meetings missed by a city council member while he or she is on the official business of the city council and at the direction of the city council will not be counted towards the percentage of missed meetings for which compensation reduction is required under this subsection, but will be counted as though the member had attended the meetings that are missed while so engaged in city business. (Amend. of 5-5-01, Prop. No. 1; Amend. of 11-4-14, Prop. No. 8)

Fort Worth

§ 3 COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Commencing on October 1, 2006, each member of the City Council, except the mayor, shall receive as compensation for such member's services the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) per annum and the mayor shall receive as compensation for the mayor's service, the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) per annum. In addition to the above, all necessary expenses incurred by the City Council in performance of their official duties shall be paid by the city. Nothing herein shall prohibit a council member from waiving the right to all or any part of such compensation or payment of expenses. (Ord. 10272, § I(I), 3-16-1989, approved 5-6-1989; Ord. 16797, § 1(I), 1-24-2006, approved 5-13-2006)

Frisco

§ 3.04 Compensation.

The Mayor shall receive compensation in the amount of \$850.00 per month. Each Councilmember shall receive compensation in the amount of \$700.00 per month. In addition to such compensation, the Mayor and each Councilmember shall be entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties with the approval of the City Council at a public meeting. To the extent possible, all related expenses for conferences, meetings, meals and other types of events that recur during a budget year that are attended by the Mayor and Councilmembers (whether one or more) shall be included in the City's annual budget. The City Manager and Finance Director shall create and administer the regulations for the implementation of this policy.

(Ordinance 19-05-38, prop. G, adopted 5/14/19)

Garland

§ 3 Compensation.

From and after October 1, 2018, the Mayor shall receive compensation in the base amount of five hundred and seventy five dollars (\$575.00) per month, each Councilmember shall receive compensation in the base amount of two hundred and eighty-eight dollars (\$288.00) per month, and all members of the Council shall receive compensation in the base amount of seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) for each work session attended by the member preceding a regular Council meeting, and for each regular meeting of the Council attended by the member. Each Councilmember shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties when approved by the Council.

(Ordinance 4763 adopted 4/5/94; Ordinance 4777 adopted 5/10/94; Ordinance 5443 adopted 2/15/00; Ordinance 5463 adopted 5/9/00; Ordinance 6991, prop. E, adopted 5/15/18)

Grand Prairie

Sec. 12. - Compensation of mayor and councilmembers.



- (a) The mayor may receive a salary in an amount to be fixed by the city council, but which amount shall in no event be more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month.
- (b) Each councilmember may receive the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each meeting of the council attended, provided that no councilmember shall receive a greater compensation than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month.

Irving

Sec. 11. Compensation of mayor and council member.

(a) The mayor shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per month.

(b) Each council member shall receive a salary of nine hundred dollars per month.

(c) No member of the city council shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses except for actual expenses incurred while in the performance of city council duties outside the municipal boundaries of the City of Irving.

(Ord. No. 889; Ord. No. 7196, Amd. 5, 1-22-98; Ord. No. 2013-9464, Amds. 2, 11, 5-22-13)

Lewisville

Section 3.04. - Compensation.



The mayor and members of the city council of Lewisville shall each receive compensation in the sum of \$50.00 for each meeting of the city council which they attend; they shall also be entitled to reimbursement of and for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, when approved by the council.

(Res. No. 3129-09-2004(R), § 1, 9-20-04, elec. 9-11-04)

McKinney

Sec. 16. - Council compensation.



Each member of the City Council including the Mayor shall receive for compensation the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per posted City Council meeting attended. In addition the Mayor shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month stipend. In the event that the Mayor Pro Tem serves as Mayor for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, the stipend shall be awarded to the Mayor Pro Tem. In addition, all actual reimbursable expenses, including eligible expenses allowed by State law, incurred by all members of the City Council in the performance of their official duties shall be paid by the City.

(Ord. No. 977, § 1, 11-9-1976; Ord. No. 2001-03-033, 3-20-2001; Ord. No. 2011-12-078, § 1, 12-6-2011; Ord. No. 2014-06-039, § 1, 6-3-2014)

Mesquite

Sec. 12. - Compensation of mayor and councilmembers.



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(As amended by election May 5, 2018 (Ord. No. 4563, § 2(20), 5-21-18))

Plano

Sec. 3.04. - Compensation.



The city council shall fix the compensation to be received by its members for attendance at its meetings.

Plano's City Secretary confirmed that the current compensation for the Mayor is \$2000 per month. The current compensation of City Council members is \$1000 per month.

Richardson

Section 3.04. - Compensation.

Each member of the city council shall receive as compensation the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per diem for each city council meeting attended by such member, said compensation in no event to exceed the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200.00) per annum. In addition to the above, all necessary expenses incurred by members of the city council in the performance of their official duties shall be paid by the city.



GARLAND

Charter Review Committee Agenda

3. c.

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023

Item Title: Consider Changes for Council Item 5, Article III, Section 4, related to adding a Reference to the Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Position

Summary:

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Background/Additional Information:

Article III, Section 4:

Original Language:

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