

CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
505 TRAVIS STREET, GOVERNMENT PLAZA
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDA
Blanchard Walker Conference Room
Regions Tower, 333 Texas St., Suite 700
Shreveport, LA 71101

August 11, 2020

9:00 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL (Charter Review):
 - Mr. Tom Arceneaux, Chair**
 - Major Rolland J. Coleman
 - Mr. RJ Johnson
 - Ken Krefft
 - Calvin Ben Lester
 - Randall Liles
 - Donna Frazier, Parish Attorney for Caddo
 - President Mario Chavez, Caddo Parish Commission
 - Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Parish Administrator for Caddo

2. INVOCATION:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
 - Veterans and active military members saluting during recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance would be appropriate, should you wish to do so.

4. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
 - Citizens who wish to address the Committee are limited to 3 minutes.

 - Documents:

6. Old Business:

6.I. Discussion & Response To Previous Public Comments

Documents:

[PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHARTER REVIEW 7-23-20.PDF](#)

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.I. Response To Today's Public Comments

7.II. Set Next Meeting Date

8. ADJOURN:

Charter Review Public Comments
for
August 11, 2020 Meeting, Received online

7/25/20 – Mr. Jimmy Couvillion wrote:

Consider adding parish authority to set salaries of J P's and Constables. See state statute attached
RS 13: 5802- Salary for constables and justices of the peace

The police jury in all parishes having a population of over five thousand shall fix the pay or constables and justices of the peace and said salary shall be not less than thirty dollars per month.

08/06/20- Commissioner Ken Epperson wrote:

All: Please submit to Sec. 3-07- Commission Meetings Rules

In the event of a natural, act of God, accidental, Health Pandemic, or any other adverse situation that could jeopardize the, safety, health, life and well being of our citizens, employees and commissioners to meet or congregate in person.

The Commission then shall meet via teleconference, video conference, or any technical digital means to conduct all Caddo Parish Commission business until it is declared to be safe for all to return to in person meetings by the commissioners.

Please forward to all concerned for the August 11th meeting.

Thanks,

Ken Epperson, Sr.

Jeff Everson

From: jimmy couvillion <Jimmy.Couvillion@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Jeff Everson
Cc: edlazarus71047@aol.com
Subject: Home Rule Charter Committee
Attachments: historic preservation rs 25 731.pdf; shreveport downtown cultural district certified 2009.pdf

Creation of a Caddo Parish Historical Code/committee/districts

Constitution Article 6 Section 17
State Statute 25 Sec. 731

While the City of Shreveport created it's Chapter 36 and Districts in Chapter 37, the parish has remained out of the authority , because of parish ownership of property, structures and sites, such as the courthouse.

The established city , "Shreveport Downtown Cultural District" per the official map, on exhibit here, includes the courthouse grounds, owned by the Parish and under Parish Ordinances and authority.

In reading the purpose creating the city chapter 36, I ponder the positive benefits to the parish.

Jimmy couvillion

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From: jimmy couvillion <Jimmy.Couvillion@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Jeff Everson
Cc: edlazarus71047@aol.com
Subject: Home Rule Charter Committee
Attachments: prohibited use of public funds.pdf

At some point soon, the parish is going to need to spend public funds to inform the voters on financial matters. Suggest the committee add
Title 18 Section 1465

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To: Jeff Everson
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Subject: Home Rule Charter Review Committee
Attachments: title 18 sec 1299 propositions questions.pdf

Louisiana Election Code
Louisiana Revised Statute 18 Sec. 1299

Attached please find RS 18:1299

This Statute states that propositions, questions beyond constitutional and state statutes requirements, can be placed on a ballot if such proposition or question is adopted in a home rule charter .

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From: jimmy couvillion <Jimmy.Couvillion@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Jeff Everson
Subject: Charter Committee

Parish reserves shall be maintained at rate equal to 1.3 to annual expenses

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From: jimmy couvillion <Jimmy.Couvillion@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Jeff Everson
Cc: edlazarus71047@aol.com
Subject: Charter Commtee
Attachments: State Constitution Local Government Art 6.pdf; Public Bid Law FAQ.pdf

Please find two attached documents:

State Constitution Article 6 Local Government
Louisiana Bid Law

For Committee review Constitution:

Sections 6,14 and 22

Section 6 prohibits legislature from making changes to parish distributions of power.

Section 14 prohibits legislature from adding cost of operation to parish without addition funds provided either by legislature or locally approved authority

Section 22 required ballot propositions per state law. I fail to find any language either in the constitution or revised statutes prohibiting any proposition or question from being placed on a parish ballot. Suggest language giving parish the power to place any proposition or question on a ballot

For committee review Louisiana Bid Law

Establishes a "Contract Limit to be adjusted each year per the Consumer Price Index. Consider some provisional language.

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From: jimmy couvillion <Jimmy.Couvillion@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Jeff Everson
Subject: CHARTER REVIEW

Reference section 9-12 Review of Charter

No language on committee members who can vote.

Suggest provisions created to document procedures for committee and commission review. Within the commission review to determine the ballot, a provision for commission to add provisions to charter is suggested.

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