

CITY OF MONROE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members, Paisley, Molenda, Conner, Beneteau, Hensley and Mayor Clark.

Absent: Council Member Bica.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communication.

188 Communication from Mike Cox, Attorney General regarding City of Monroe – proposed charter amendments – To be reviewed and discussed by Thomas Ready, City Attorney.

Thomas Ready, City Attorney explained some history regarding the proposed charter amendments and the resolution process after Council approval and subsequent communication from Mike Cox, Attorney General and discussed the objectives and specific proposals in that communication.

After discussion, Mr. Ready stated that his specific suggestions of possible actions would be: To retain proposal 1 relating to Charter Section 10, to retain proposal 2 relating to Charter Section 46, both of which deletes the Clerk-Treasurer as an elected official, and to retain proposal 3, (recognizing the Attorney General is of the opinion that this relates to more than one subject and is contrary to the Home Rule City Act, our position with reference to that would be that it relates to one subject) amending Charter Section 80.

He continued, in reference to proposal 4 relating to Charter Section 47, another draft has been prepared and reviewed the changes with Council. He stated that his suggestion would be to delete any reference to the City Manager and to reinsert the proposition that the City Attorney be entered as a member of the Board of Review.

He continued, in reference to proposal 5 relating to Charter Sections 325-345, his suggestion would be to change a couple of places, to make it clear that it relates to the Police Department, i.e., page 21 there are two places to add "as it relates to the Police Department" and on page 22 he added the same wording to the ballot language. He further stated that he recommends dropping proposal 6 relating to Charter Sections 48-50 and 228-230.

Mr. Ready also stated that since one (1) Council Member is not in attendance and Council may or may not hear from the Governor's office before Tuesday, August 24, he suggested that Council consider making a determination of what it intends to do but not actually do it until a Special Meeting on Monday, August 23 if it can be arranged.

Consent Agenda.

189 Ballot proposal for consideration by voters of amendments of the City Charter Section 47.

1. Communication from the City Manager, submitting an amended resolution that would place a charter amendment on the November ballot to amend Section 47 of the Monroe City Charter, pertaining to officers of the City appointed, by adding language referring to the Clerk and Treasurer appointments and by

removing language pertaining to other appointed officers of the City that are no longer valid and/or can be included under ordinance designated appointments, and recommending that Council approve the amended resolution for Section 47 and place the proposed charter amendments on the November 2, 2010 ballot, for consideration by City of Monroe voters.

2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

190 Rescinding of resolution for ballot proposal, for repeal of City Charter Sections C-48, C-49, C-50, C-228, C-229 and C-230.

1. Communication from the City Manager, submitting a request to rescind a ballot proposal for repeal of Charter Sections C-48 through C-50 and C-228 through C-230, which was passed by Council on August 2, 2010, and requesting that Council pass a motion to rescind Resolution R10-41.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that Items 189 & 190 be postponed until the next Special Meeting to be held on Monday, August 23, 2010.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Council Member Bica)

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Paisley that the meeting adjourn at 10:01 p.m. until the next Special Meeting on Monday, August 23, 2010.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 (Council Member Conner) Absent: 1 (Council Member Bica)

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor