

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
HOME RULE CHARTER STUDY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: October 20, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Caucus Room – Municipal Building

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson McLean at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Joe Consolmagno, Michael Dobos, Jim Hannan, Christine McIntosh,
Jim McLean, Connie Serdi

Absent: Brandon Colella, Paul Dixon, Lorrie Gibbons, Tom Klevan,
Carol Stewart

Also Present: Robert L. McTiernan, Solicitor; Bill Spagnol, Municipal Manager

2. Approval of Minutes of Public Hearing and Meeting of August 18, 2015

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016 public hearing and meeting as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Possible Home Rule Charter Changes

- i) Gender References – change all male references to he/she OR add a note or general provision at end or beginning of charter.
- ii) Section 206 - Powers of Mayor – consider proposal to remove veto power of Mayor
- iii) Section 303 - Organizational meeting – change start time from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- iv) Section 802 - Consider timing of review Comprehensive Plan – charter says review every five years; PA Municipal Planning Code say review every ten years.
- v) Section 1002 - Budget submission deadline – Current deadline is September 1; consider October 1 with adoption by November 30.
- vi) Section 1107 - Thirty-day ordinance effectiveness – members noted similar provision is not in other charters and discussed the effect of this requirement

vii) Section 1205 - Initiative and Referendum – consider new section that would limit the effect of suspension of ordinances that interfere with fundamental operations of municipal government or public safety.

viii) Section 1403 – Consider changing “earliest possible election” to “next general election.”

4. Preparation of Report of Commission

Chairman McLean will draft a report and distribute to the Commission via email; to be discussed at meeting in December.

5. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will take place on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room. A public meeting will be scheduled at the December meeting.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.