

RESOLUTION NO. 3083

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BEND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Findings

- A. The City Council has directed staff to convene a citizen committee to consider and recommend Charter amendments to the voters by May 2018. This will be a temporary committee, meeting as necessary over a 3-6 month period. All meetings will be open to the general public.
- B. Bend Code 1.20.015H authorizes the Council to establish temporary committees by resolution to address specific issues or to engage in specific tasks, and to establish the scope of the authority and responsibilities of the temporary committee. Committee members are appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by Council.
- C. The Council wishes to establish a Charter Review Committee. The Committee is intended to provide a recommendation to Council. Council may adopt all or part of the recommendation. Council action is necessary to adopt ballot titles by resolution to send any amendments to the voters.
- D. The City Council understands and acknowledges that to propose changing Councilor compensation under Oregon conflict law there must be an intervening election between the member voting and the effective date of the action taken.

Based on these findings, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Charter Review Committee is established to consist of up to 11 members. The membership should include broad representation from the community. Applicants may be recommended from neighborhood associations for up to six positions. Up to an additional five at large positions may be appointed with preference given to those who participated in the Bend 2030 Charter Review Committee. Other positions may be appointed with technical expertise as non-voting members. The Committee will work with staff from the office of the City Manager, City Attorney and City Recorder for background and advice on the parameters of charter review options.

Section 2. The Committee will meet for the period, generally, from July 2017 for 3-6 months, at regular intervals. If needed, the Committee's term may be extended.

Section 3. The Committee will make a recommendation on any charter language changes for placing a ballot measure for a directly elected mayor on the ballot. This review should include review of recommendations on new charter language and/or concepts related to the transition to an elected mayor, which seat would be designated for the mayor, the term, whether to have candidate requirements (such as service on a previous council, perhaps others using review of other cities and the model charter for ideas), and additional compensation, if any.

Section 4. The Committee will consider and make an initial recommendation on whether to place a ward system measure on the ballot, including what type of ward system (number of wards, number of councilors from each ward, and/or a combination of ward and at-large positions). The Committee is directed to bring its recommendation on whether to move forward to the full Council by October 2017 for further Council direction. IF the decision is to move forward, the committee is to bring back further recommendations related to transitioning to a ward system, drawing district boundaries based on the legal requirement of equal population and other related issues.

Section 5. In making a recommendation on whether to create a ward system, the Committee should consider the Council and community goals of (1) achieving better representation of different parts of the City (particularly the east and/or south sides) and (2) potentially reducing the overall cost of running for office, and whether the proposal could be effective in achieving those goals.

Section 6. Council may direct the Committee to consider whether to recommend an additional measure be placed on the ballot related to the 2015 Model Charter (League of Oregon Cities), and to work with the City Attorney's office to make a recommendation to Council on the various provisions. Council will determine during the process if there is interest and sufficient time and council interest to consider this issue and place it on the ballot as well.

Section 7. The Committee will provide a recommendation on removing all Council pay from the charter to be set by Council ordinance, which would be put forward to the voters by a separate measure.

Section 8. This resolution takes effect immediately on passage.

Adopted by roll call vote of the Bend City Council on June 21, 2017.

Yes: Casey Roats, Mayor
Sally Russell
Bill Moseley
Bruce Abernethy
Justin Livingston

No: Nathan Boddie
Barb Campbell



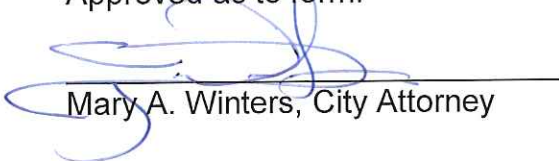
Casey Roats, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robyn Christie, City Recorder

Approved as to form:



Mary A. Winters, City Attorney

