

SPECIAL REVIEW & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 17, 2018

A special Review & Oversight Committee meeting was held on July 17, 2018, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dan Kasaris, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Dan Langshaw; **Council:** Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Gary Petrusky; **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Finance Director Eric Dean; **Other:** Lou Krzepina, Gloria Kacik, John Young.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Term Limits**

Mr. Kasaris said that there are three pieces of legislation on the Council agenda this evening regarding this topic. He said that he will summarize how we got to this point. Last May, at the request of Mr. Petrusky he placed a similar topic on the R&O committee agenda for discussion. At that time, we also considered extending the Council terms from 2 years to 4 years. At that meeting we received the history from the Law Director as to the genesis of term limits in the city, as well as his personal opinion on the subject. Mr. Kasaris said that we went around the table and each gave our view points as to where we stood on this issue, if we wanted to study it further, and if we wanted the Charter Review Commission deal with it. He said that we actually had a member of the Charter Review Commission present at that meeting who talked about why the commission did not place this issue before the voters. The member said that they didn't want to go with more than 4 items and they didn't think it would pass. After that May 2017 meeting, Mr. Kasaris said that he had a discussion with the Council President and we both felt that this might be best addressed in 2018. We had other issues we were dealing with in the city, specifically the safety levy that we had an urgent need to deal with. It was felt that this need was more urgent than dealing with term limits. He said that he has decided to bring this back now so that we can discuss this. He said that since term limits were put in place, no one has termed out. Any changes in Council that occurred were not due to term limits. He said that we are not "the swamp", we are not entrenched in a lifestyle with special benefits, we don't pass laws under pressure from lobbyists and for our own benefit. We are people who have other jobs and do this job because we love it. He said that he spoke with Mrs. Haller and she said that the deadline to get it on the ballot is 60 days before the election which is September 7, 2018. Mr. Kasaris said that City Council does not have the authority to alter the term limits in the Charter; the Charter can only be changed by a vote of the electorate. So the issue before us is to determine if we should put this on the ballot for the electorate to decide one way or the other.

Mr. Langshaw said that just because we can do something doesn't mean we should do it. He said that he is concerned with the legislation on multiple levels. He said that there are three current Council members who are term limited and are not eligible to run in 2019. He is also concerned about the timing. Since we recess in August he felt that there would not be enough time to hear from the community if they even want us to put this on the ballot. He said that there is no doubt that Council loves what they do, but if this legislation passes, he feels that a good portion of the community will see this as only helping a select few currently on Council. He is opposed to abolishing the term limits that the residents have set in place for Council and the Mayor. Given the current political environment nationwide, it said that he trusts the judgement of the people and thinks that it was wise to have a check and balance on the local government. He said that we had a heated May primary election regarding a senior housing project and the residents sent a strong message that we need to listen to them more. That includes even putting this on the ballot. He said that he has had zero residents ask him to abolish term limits in the city. He said that the independent Charter Review Commission is charged with making decisions such as this and he is concerned that this is happening at the last minute. He said that he served as the Chairman of the Charter Review Commission before being on Council and said that the Charter should not be changed on a whim. This is our governing document and it takes deliberation and time and should not be rushed. He said that he is a no vote for all three pieces of legislation. The community does not support us doing this and he cannot in good conscience support this. He felt that we have more important things to be doing as a City Council. He also

won't agree to waive the three-reading rule. He believes that the public deserves to be heard on this whether or not it goes to the ballot.

Mrs. Hannan said that she welcomes tonight's opportunity to reconsider the wisdom and effect of term limits. While term limits have gained popularity to stop entrenched political power, she believes they do so at too high of a cost. A fundamental principle of our system of government is that voters get to choose their representatives. Voter choices are restricted when the candidate is barred from being on the ballot. If anyone wants to limit a politician's term in office this can be accomplished by voting the politician out. Term limits come at an additional cost; experience is forced to the exits. Running a city is a learned skill. As in other professions, experience matters. Shouldn't voters at least have the ability to decide whether that experience has value. Whatever differences we may have on political issues, she thinks that we all can agree that voters should have the right to decide who will represent them. She said that she is happy to lend her support to put this in front of the voters so they can make the decision.

Mr. Nickell said that while we have a very cohesive group currently on Council, he has seen in other cities where members become so entrenched with so much money infused that new candidates can't even get in if they wanted to. He said that he ran for Council when the incumbent was seeking higher office. He is not in favor of eliminating term limits, but if it passes Council, then the electorate will decide what they want. He felt that this maybe could have waited for the next Charter Review Commission. He does think that 4 year terms for Council is something that should be looked at in the future. He feels that this might better serve the city.

Mr. Petrusky said that when we decided to run, it was because we didn't like something and we stepped up to the plate. We knocked on many doors and saw very little of our own families for months at a time to gain the support of our constituents. If we thought that the current administration at that time was doing a good job, we would not have run for office. He agrees with Mrs. Hannan in that if someone doesn't like what we are doing, they have every right to run for office against us. That is what this country was founded on. He said that he does not see why we should have term limits. He said that his full time corporate job does not have term limits and no one has asked him to leave that job after a predetermined number of years. He thinks we should put this on the ballot for the residents to decide. He said that he supports this legislation.

Mr. Marnecheck supports putting this on the ballot. He said that we should hear what the residents have to say about it. It has been since 2008 that this was last put on the ballot so he is fine with seeing how the electorate feels. He said that he is not in favor of 4 year terms however.

Mr. Antoskiewicz understands the reference to our day jobs and the fact that as long as we are doing a good job we can stay as long as we want. But he felt that the Council job is different. This job is a responsibility that we have taken on to represent the residents of North Royalton. He said he has always tried to listen to his residents, as he believes most of his colleagues have done as well. He said that we put the deer issue on the ballot for the residents to decide because there was a lot of public outcry on both sides of this issue. This was something everyone was talking about and needed to address by listening to the residents. He said that whenever he talks to residents and tells them that we will have 3 council members termed out this year, never has anyone said that this is not right and that we should not have term limits and we need to do something we can do about it. He said that he does not think that the residents are clamoring for change. He does not hear anyone telling him that this issue must be addressed, even though most surrounding communities do not have term limits. Even our School Board does not have term limits. But he believes that in today's day and age, if other communities put this on the ballot that it would pass. He feels that we need to leave this as it is. People are comfortable with it and consider it a safeguard. For these reasons he will not support putting this on the ballot. He said that we have talked about it, we have looked at it and he does not think that the residents want to change it and he is comfortable leaving things as they are.

Mr. Kasaris said that he has had residents tell him that the term limits should be removed.

Mayor Stefanik said that one of the Council representatives from the 1990's when term limits were first implemented happens to be present this evening and asked if she would like to speak to this matter.

Cathy Shelko, former Ward 5 Council Representative, addressed the committee. She said that the biggest mistake she made in the 8 years she sat on Council was passing term limits. She felt that it was an insult to the American voter by saying that we don't trust them enough to make this decision. She said that at the time this occurred, we were caught up in the fervor of the 90's and the hope that we would ultimately get to put term limits on Congress and we couldn't ask Congress to have term limits if we didn't have them as well. It was later determined that it was unconstitutional to put term limits on Congress and by that time we had already shot ourselves in the foot. This is a part time position and is very close to home. She said that she was not term limited and was voted out of office as the incumbent, so the system works. She said that Council should have faith in the voters and put this on the ballot for them to decide.

Mayor Stefanik said that even if this should pass, he is not running again for Mayor. He is retiring December 31, 2019 and is not running again. He said however that he feels that term limits are wrong and takes away the opportunity for voters to keep someone who is doing a good job. He said that being a Mayor with seniority in Cuyahoga County, you are able to get onto different boards. He is on the NEORSB Board, the Cleveland Water COG Board, and serves on NOACA who spends all the money for roads in a 5 county region. He has a lot of insight being on these boards and understands where the opportunities are. He felt that we have been able to bring a lot of money back to North Royalton because of his involvement on these boards and he hopes that the next Mayor would have the opportunity to serve for 8, 12, 16, or 20 years. A lot of successful cities have long term Mayors. He said that Council is probably not going to take action on this tonight so that we can get some insight from the residents. He hopes that the residents keep an open mind when they are considering this issue and look at both sides of the issue.

Mr. Nickell said that the electorate are the ones who voted for the term limits, so we are not insulting the voters. He said that he too enjoys being a Councilman and could see doing this for a long time. But he feels that term limits provided a calmer environment because we didn't have constant political jockeying and if someone wanted to run for office, they could wait until the term was up rather than challenge an incumbent. He said that he had 23 people comment to him and they all said to keep the term limits.

Mr. Langshaw said that the legislation would put 3 different issues on the ballot and said that the voters could decide to let the Mayor serve with no term limits, but could vote to keep the term limits for Council and Council President. He said that this could create a nightmare down the line.

Mr. Kasaris said he disagrees. He does not see how having the Mayor have no term limits would create any type of nightmare. He sees the logic in the statement made earlier that the longer the Mayor is in office, the more opportunities he has to get things for the city due to having seniority and more clout. He said that we had term limits between 2003 and 2007 and we had a lot of turmoil. We had Council members trying to remove the Council President and Ward 2 Councilman from office. We had turmoil then but we haven't had any since then because the voters recognized the issues and changed City Council.

Mr. Kasaris asked Mrs. Haller when this has to be presented to the Board of Elections. Mrs. Haller said that it must be to the Board of Elections by September 7, 2018. We can pass this legislation as late as the September 4, 2018 meeting unless Council wishes to hold a special meeting.

Mr. Kasaris said that he is not going to withdraw sponsorship at this time. He said the Mayor's comments changed his mind and he is going to give it a month and see what happens.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that we will put the legislation on Second Reading and take the month of August to see what feedback we can get from the residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Langshaw to **adjourn the July 17, 2018 special Review and Oversight Committee meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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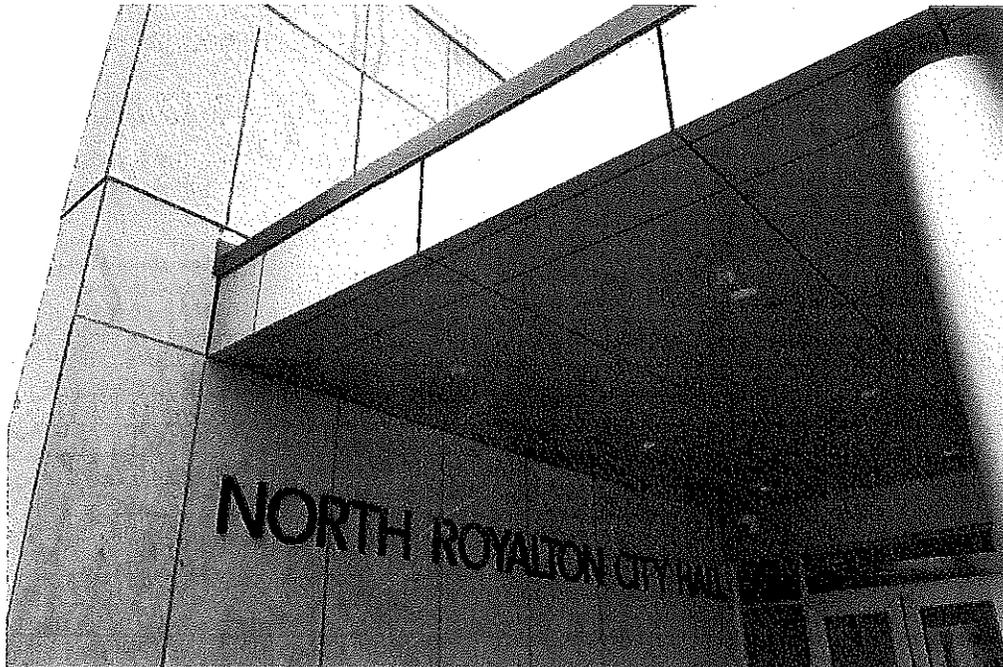
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Committee briefly considers eliminating term limits

Topic dies just as quickly as it begins

By JAIME ANTON The Post staff writer Jun 3, 2017

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City council briefly entertained the possibility of eliminating term limits but has decided to leave them alone.
File photo by JAIME ANTON

NORTH ROYALTON – Term limits are a restriction most government bodies do not have, including the North Royalton Board of Education, but something city hall elected officials face.

Very briefly, council entertained the idea of eliminating term limits through a ballot issue but has opted to leave them be.

The topic was broached at a special review and oversight committee meeting May 16. Ward 6 Councilman Dan Kasaris, R&O chair, was asked to place it on the committee agenda after a discussion between Ward 2 Councilman Gary Petrusky and Law Director Tom Kelly.

There are currently three senior councilmen who, if re-elected this year, will be termed out and unable to retain their seats when their terms expire Dec. 31, 2019: Petrusky, Kasaris and Ward 1 Councilman John Nickell. Mayor Bob Stefanik is also termed out then.

Kelly said during last week's meeting he takes full responsibility for the topic's resurrection. He said it's been something weighing on his mind knowing officials will eventually be forced to leave but believing the current city council and mayor have brought stability and productivity to city government.

"Under the current conditions, if nothing changes come three years from now, three positions are forced out and that, to me, is a waste of talent and a waste of the opportunity that the people ought to have to retain elected officials if they want to do so," he said.

Elected officials in North Royalton, per the city charter, may only serve 12 consecutive years in one particular seat, that's six continuous two-year terms for ward seats and three four-year terms for council president and mayor.

It hasn't always been this way.

Up until 1995, there were no term limits in Royalton, but the mid-1990s and early 2000s were unarguably a tumultuous time in the city. Term limits were a way to bring in "new blood" and prevent stagnation. Charter amendments such as the creation of term limits must be voted on by residents. They were originally stricter with a limit of eight consecutive years when introduced in 1995 by then Ward 1 Councilman Gary Barna and Mayor Gary Skorepa and OK'd by voters.

Term limits were extended to 12 years in 2008, which residents supported at the polls after being brought forward that year by the community-member lead Charter Review Commission which meets every four years to study the charter and recommend any amendments for the electorate to consider.

Kelly thought it worthy of discussion.

"The arguments in favor of artificial term limits are a complete and utter charade. We have term limits and they are called elections, and we have them every two years. I'm not confident the public will be persuaded but it is worthy of discussion and it's a discussion that needs to be had," he said

Petrusky suggested changing ward terms from two years to four.

"In essence it keeps everyone on a four-year term like the mayor and council president. When someone tries to run against you, it takes you away from your duties ... it takes away from your incumbent duties," he said.

Ward 4 Councilman Paul Marnecheck said he was weighing everything and was unsure.

"I don't know how I feel, but I'm leaning against the four years. I'm still thinking it through. Congress and state reps are two years," he said.

Strongly against the issue is Ward 3 Councilman Dan Langshaw who said he would not support a council-led charge for the elimination of term limits, that the better avenue for change would have been the Charter Review Commission bringing it forward last year rather than council.

"One of my favorite founding fathers, George Washington, knew when to hang it up for the good of the nation and that's a good precedent to set," he said. "I won't support this. I think the better avenue is the charter review, which is independent, instead of it coming from us."

"When George Washington stepped aside, he wasn't term limited. The first term limited president was Dwight Eisenhower in 1960," Kasaris interjected.

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North Royalton Code of Ordinances

**ARTICLE III
THE COUNCIL****(a) NUMBER.**

The legislative powers of the Municipality, except as the same are reserved to the people by this Charter and by the Constitution of the State of Ohio, shall be vested in and exercised by a Council composed of seven (7) members, one (1) President of Council elected by the City at large and six (6) Councilpersons, one (1) Councilperson representing each ward, which wards are to be established as hereinafter provided. (11-7-78)

(b) QUALIFICATIONS.

Candidates for Council shall have resided in the Municipality and have been an elector thereof for a period of at least two (2) years next preceding his or her election. Each ward Councilmember must have lived in his or her ward at least one (1) year prior to election and must continue to live in the ward he or she represents during his or her entire term of office. No member of Council, except as hereinafter provided in this Charter, shall hold any other elected public office or be employed by the Municipality, except that of notary public or member of the State Militia, or Reserve Corps of the United States, or be directly or indirectly involved in the disbursement of public moneys of North Royalton, except while performing his or her duties as Councilperson.

To the extent as provided by law, no member of Council shall directly or indirectly solicit, contract for, receive or be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service with or for the Municipality. Any member who ceases to possess any of the qualifications herein set forth, or who removes from the Municipality, shall thereby forfeit his or her office. (11-5-68; 11-4-97)

(c) TERM; WARDS.

Each Ward Councilperson is to serve for a term of two (2) years commencing with the November election of 1979 and every two (2) years thereafter. No person elected Ward Councilperson shall hold the office for a period longer than six (6) consecutive terms or more than twelve (12) consecutive years, unless one (1) full term or more has elapsed since that person last held the position of Ward Councilperson.

Not later than February 28, 1979, the then incumbent Council shall by ordinance establish six (6) wards for election purposes, each of which shall be as nearly equal in population to each of the others as shall be practicable. Each ward shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory within the Municipality bounded by street lines and natural boundaries. Such equality of population shall be maintained by the Council by an adjustment of such boundaries as follows: Each four (4) years, commencing in the year of 1978, the Council shall make or cause to be made a survey of the population changes in the respective wards and enter a written report thereof upon its journal. In the event such survey discloses a decrease or an increase of population amounting to fifteen percent (15%) or more in any ward, an equalizing adjustment of boundaries shall be made by an ordinance of Council. Equalizing adjustments of boundaries may be made at more frequent intervals, if desired by Council, but no adjustment shall be effective with respect to any Municipal election unless the ordinance providing for such adjustment has been passed and publication or posting thereof has been completed at least ninety (90) days prior to the last date for filing nominating petitions for candidates in such election.

(11-7-78; 5-2-95; 11-4-08)

(d) PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

The President of Council shall preside at all meetings of Council, perform such duties as may be imposed by Council upon its presiding officer and such duties as are imposed upon him or her by this Charter. The President of Council shall have the same right to vote on all matters presented to Council as any other member of Council. When the Mayor is absent from the Municipality or unable for any cause to perform his or her duties, the President of Council shall become Acting Mayor and shall, during such absence of the Mayor or inability of the Mayor to perform his or her duties, have the same powers and perform the same duties as the Mayor, but he or she shall not thereby cease to act or forfeit any of the rights or duties as President of Council. Upon the death, resignation, disqualification or removal from office of the Mayor, the President of Council shall succeed to the office of the Mayor for the balance of the term to which the Mayor was elected, and shall cease to be a member of Council. The President of Council shall be elected for a term of four (4) years commencing in the election to be held in November, 1991, and every four (4) years thereafter. No person elected President of Council shall hold the office of President for more than three (3) consecutive terms or more than twelve (12) consecutive years, unless one (1) full term or more has elapsed since that person last held the office of President of Council.

(5-2-95; 11-4-97; 11-4-08)

(e) VACANCY.

Any vacancy in the Council shall be filled by the remaining members thereof for the unexpired term. If the Council fails within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs to fill same, the Mayor shall fill it by appointment.

(f) MEETINGS.

The Council shall meet at the Municipal Building of the Municipality at such time as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution, but shall meet at least twice each month, except that the Council may designate one month in the summer season for vacation. Meetings of the Council shall be open to the public in accordance with State law, with the exception of Executive Sessions, which shall only be permitted in accordance with the

provisions set forth in the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, or in the laws of the State of Ohio.

Public Hearings conducted by Council, and notice for same, shall be handled in such manner as Council may by Ordinance provide.

(11-8-88; 11-4-08; 11-6-12)

(g) SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings may be held on vote of Council taken in any regular or special meeting. Special meetings also shall be called by the Clerk of Council upon the written request of the Mayor, the President of Council, or three (3) members of Council. Any such notice shall state the subject or subjects to be considered at the special meeting, and no other subject or subjects shall be considered unless a majority vote of Council members present so request. A copy of the subject or subjects to be considered or acted upon at this special meeting shall accompany this special meeting notice. Twenty four (24) hour advance notice of each special meeting called by the Mayor, the President of Council, or three (3) members of Council shall be provided to each Council member as prescribed by Ordinance of Council.

(11-7-67; 11-4-97; 11-4-08; 11-8-16)

(h) QUORUM.

A majority of all members elected to the Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number can adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as shall be prescribed by ordinance. The Council shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall keep its own Journal.

(i) POWERS.

The Council shall have the authority to provide by ordinance or resolution for carrying into effect any or all powers conferred upon municipalities or the inhabitants thereof by the Home Rule provisions of the State of Ohio and the method thereof except where this Charter prescribes that method; and the Council shall perform the duties imposed and exercise the powers conferred upon council of cities by the general laws of the State not conflicting with the Charter or the ordinances and resolutions of the Council.

(j) ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in written or printed form, and the adoption, rejection or amendment, time of taking effect and the signing thereof shall be in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Ohio except as otherwise in this Charter provided. The Council may by general ordinance prescribe the manner of publication of ordinances and resolutions but until so prescribed such publication shall be in the manner provided by statute.

(k) OTHER POWERS.

The Council shall have the management and control of the finances and property of the Municipality except as is prescribed otherwise in this Charter and by the State of Ohio, and shall have such other powers as shall be conferred by the State of Ohio.

(l) SALARIES.

The Council shall have power to fix the salary of the Mayor, its members and of all other employees of the Municipality, whether elected, appointed or chosen.

(11-8-83)

(m) BONDS.

The Council shall fix by ordinance the amount of bond to be given by each officer, clerk and employee of the Municipal government, whether elected or appointed. Such bond shall be given by such officer, clerk or employee, with a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Ohio, to the approval of the Mayor; provided, however, that the bond of the Mayor shall be approved by the Council. All such bonds shall be contracted for by the Council and the expense of procuring the same shall be paid by the Municipality. The Mayor shall be the custodian of any bonds of municipal officials, clerks or employees, except that given by him, of which the Clerk shall be the custodian. A bond shall be required of the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Finance Director and such other officials as may be required by the general laws of the State of Ohio, and such other officials, clerks and employees as may be designated by Council.

(n) REMOVAL.

The Council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members. It may expel or remove any member for gross misconduct, or misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in or disqualification for office, or for the conviction while in office of a crime involving moral turpitude, or for a violation of his or her oath of office, or for persistent failure to abide by the rules of Council, or for absence without justifiable excuse granted by Council from three consecutive regular meetings of the Council; provided, however, that such expulsion shall not take place without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council nor until the accused member shall have been notified in writing of the charge against him or her at least ten (10) days in advance of any hearing upon such charge, and he or she or his or her counsel has been given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence or examine any witness appearing in support of such charge. (11-4-97)

(o) EFFECTIVE DATE OF OFFICE.

All members of Council, including the President of Council, shall take office on the first day of January next following their election, and shall continue to serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

(11-5-68; 11-4-97; 11-8-16)

ARTICLE IV THE MAYOR

(a) TERM.

The Mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years and shall serve until his or her successor is elected and certified. No person elected Mayor shall hold the office for more than three (3) consecutive terms or twelve (12) consecutive years, unless one (1) full term or more has elapsed since that person last held the office of Mayor. The office of the Mayor shall be located at City Hall. The Mayor shall devote full time during business hours and such other time as may be necessary to conduct the business of the City.

(5-2-95; 11-4-97; 11-4-08)

(b) QUALIFICATIONS.

The Mayor for at least three (3) years previous to his or her election shall have been, and during his or her term of office shall be, a registered elector and a bona fide resident of the Municipality. He or she shall not hold any other public office or public employment except as otherwise provided in this Charter or by ordinance enacted hereunder, and that of notary public or membership in the State Militia or Reserve Corps of the United States. Participation in or service upon regional councils of government or similar entities shall not be precluded by the restrictions set forth herein. (11-4-97; 11-6-12)

(c) REMOVAL.

The Council may remove the Mayor for gross misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance or in disqualification for office, or for the conviction while in office of a crime involving moral turpitude, or for a violation of his or her oath of office; provided, however, that such removal shall not take place without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council nor until the Mayor shall have been notified in writing of the charge against him or her at least ten (10) days in advance of any hearing upon such charge, and he or she or his or her counsel has been given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, or examine any witness appearing in support of such charge. (11-4-97)

(d) EXECUTIVE POWERS.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Municipality. He or she shall supervise the administration of the affairs of the Municipality and shall exercise control over all departments and divisions. He or she shall be the chief conservator of the peace and shall see that all laws and ordinances are enforced therein. He or she shall recommend to the Council such measures as he or she deems necessary or expedient. He or she shall see that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the Municipality or its inhabitants in any franchise or contract to which this Municipality is a party are faithfully kept and performed. The Mayor shall execute, on behalf of the Municipality, all contracts, conveyances, evidences of indebtedness and all other instruments to which the Municipality is a party. He or she shall have the custody of the seal of the Municipality and shall affix it to all of the above-mentioned documents, but the absence of the seal shall not affect the validity of any such document. The Mayor shall be recognized as the official and ceremonial head of the government by the Governor for military purposes and by the courts for the purpose of serving civil processes. (11-4-97)

(e) VETO.

Any ordinance or resolution passed by the Council shall be signed by the President or other presiding officer and presented to the Mayor by the Clerk of Council. If the Mayor approves such ordinance or resolution, he or she shall sign it within ten (10) days after its passage or adoption by the Council, but if he or she does not approve it, he or she shall return it to the Council with his or her objections within said ten (10) days by delivery to the Clerk of Council, which objections shall be entered in full on the Journal of the Council. The Mayor may approve or disapprove the whole or any items of an ordinance appropriating money, but otherwise his or her approval or disapproval shall be addressed to the entire ordinance or resolution. If the Mayor does not sign or veto an ordinance or resolution after its passage or adoption within the time specified, it shall take effect in the same manner as if he or she had signed it. When the Mayor has disapproved an ordinance or resolution or item of it, as herein provided, the Council shall, not later than the next regular meeting, proceed to reconsider it, and if on reconsideration the ordinance, resolution or item is approved by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall then take effect as if it had received the signature of the Mayor. In all such cases the votes shall be taken by "yeas" and "nays" and entered upon the Journal. (11-4-97)

(f) LEGISLATIVE POWER.

The Mayor shall have the right to introduce legislation and to take part in discussion at Council meetings.

(11-3-87)

(g) JUDICIAL POWERS.

The Mayor shall have all the judicial powers granted by this Charter, the ordinances of the Municipality, and the general laws of Ohio to mayors of municipalities of the class of the Municipality.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE OF OFFICE.

The Mayor shall take office on the first day of January next following his/her election, and shall continue to serve until his/her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(11-5-68; 11-8-16)