

Meeting of the City of Reading Charter Board  
November 3, 2009  
Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Barry Lloyd, Elizabeth Stanley, Gerald Richter

Others: Mark Fischer, High Swartz, present via conference call

**I. Administration**

- Next Scheduled meeting November 17, 2009
- Susan Gibson advised the Board she will be out of town for the 11/17 meeting
- Board Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 11, 2009.

**II. Education**

- BCTV program is November 12, 2009 @ 7pm. The Board agreed the topic would include a brief overview of the three most recent Advisory Opinions, focusing primarily on Opinion # 18.
- The Board continues to prepare for comprehensive orientation for newly elected officials after the New Year.

**III. Advisory**

- The Board discussed and took action on the following Advisory Opinions:
- Advisory Opinion #16, request filed by Marty Mayes, Director of Community Development, regarding Suspension of Charter section 706 respecting residency. A motion was made by Mr. Richter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lloyd to issue Advisory Opinion #16 as amended. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.
- Advisory Opinion #17, request filed by Council President Vaughn Spencer, regarding whether City Council is a part-time body. A motion was made by Mr. Slifko, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Stanley to issue Advisory Opinion #17 as drafted. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.
- Advisory Opinion # 18, request filed by Council President Vaughn Spencer, regarding elimination of Charter mandated department directors. A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Richter, to issue Advisory Opinion #18 as amended. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

**IV. Enforcement**

- Board member received copies of the Appellant's brief dated 10/26/09 for review in regards to the Commonwealth Court Appeal of Investigations 18 & 21. Board members were updated on the briefing schedule; the Board reply brief will be due around the Thanksgiving Holiday. No court date as yet.

**V. Closing**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.