

City of Reading Charter Board

April 5, 2011- 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Barry Lloyd, Jerry Richter,
Elizabeth Stanley (delayed arrival)

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: Eric Smith, Board Solicitor

I. Administration

- The Boards will hold an additional meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2011. An Executive Session is planned for deliberation with the Board Solicitor on the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #31. The Board Chair will coordinate public notice with the City Clerks office. The meeting will be moved from the Penn room to Council Chambers due to room scheduling requirements
- Mr. Richter has received and completed application for reappointment; his current term ends April 26, 2011.
- Charter Board minutes are complete and remitted to the City Clerks office through 3/15/2011. The Chair noted that not all minutes are being posted on the website. The Chair has discussed the issue with the clerks office and will follow-up with IT.

II. Education

No current Issues

III. Advisory

- Advisory Opinion #23 – Dated and received via email 3/29/2011, this request from City Council requests an Advisory Opinion in reference to Charter Section 607, regarding the Finance Director and Administrative Code sections 1-185 and 1-186 A and B. The request is scheduled for issuance on or before April 28, 2011.
- Advisory Opinion #24 – Dated 3/29/11 and received by the Solicitor on 4/1/11, this request from the City Solicitor asks three questions regarding appointments to boards and commissions. The request is scheduled for issuance on or before May 2, 2011. The questions, along with the Boards response as discussed are:

- 1) May a paid part-time city employee be appointed to a city board/commission?

The Board answers in the negative, assuming the board/commission contemplated is a Charter Article X entity.

- 2) May the mayor's chief of staff serve on the Reading School Board?
The Board answers in the affirmative.
- 3) May the mayor appoint his chief of staff's spouse to the Stadium commission?
The Board finds there is no prohibition generally regarding such an appointment, so long as the qualifications stated in Charter Section 1002 are met.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Slifko, 2nd by Mr. Lloyd to answer and issue Advisory Opinion #24 as noted. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote of those present - Ms. Stanley was absent at the time of the vote.

IV. Enforcement

- The Final Opinion and Order for Investigation #30 was issued March 4, 2011. The thirty day appeal period has concluded without challenge. The Board Solicitor will send notifications of public censure per the Order.
- The Board Chair announced an Executive Session with the Board Solicitor to deliberate on the Final Opinion and Order for Investigation #31. The Board entered into Executive session at 7:50 pm and exited Executive Session at 9:10 pm.

V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm