

City of Reading Charter Board

June 19, 2012- 7:00 pm
Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Gerry Richter

Members Absent: Elizabeth Stanley

Members of Public and Invited Guests: None

I. Administration

- The Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday July 3, 2012.
- Mr. Slifko's application for reappointment has been remitted. The Board has had no word regarding a replacement for the vacant seat left by Mr. Lloyd's resignation.
- Ms. Gibson reported there has been no right to know requests.

II. Education

- The Board will present an hour long educational session on BCTV, courtesy of the League of Women Voters. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

III. Advisory

- A written request for Advisory Opinion dated June 7, 2012 was received by the Board June 18, 2012. The request from Diana D'Auria of the City Law Department asks the following: 1) Does Charter Section 603(b) prohibit the Chief of Police from receiving Civil Service status? and 2) If the Chief were granted Civil Service status, would the Mayor nonetheless retain the power granted by 603(b) to remove him without cause and/or a hearing?

The Board briefly discussed the substantive issues of the opinion and formatted questions for the Board Solicitor. The Opinion will be scheduled for issuance by July 18, 2012.

IV. Enforcement

- The Board chair announced an executive session to:
 - a) Review and complete initial rankings of proposals for the Position of Investigative Officer

- b) Discuss the current procedural status of Investigation #32 & Investigation #33,
- c) Discuss pending litigation regarding Reading City Council vs. City of Reading Charter Board – Civil Action No. 11-14382, No. 29 CD 2012 (Final Order of Investigation #31, on appeal to Commonwealth Court).

The Board entered into executive session at 7:20 pm and exited executive session at 8:30 pm.

- The Board chair notes that a special session will be advertised for Tuesday, July 10, 2012 @ 7:00 pm. The meeting will include an Executive Session for conduct of interviews for the position of Charter Board Investigative Officer.

- **Closing –Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**

Respectfully submitted
Susan Gibson, Chairperson
City of Reading Charter Board