

INDIAN HILL CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The Indian Hill Charter was first approved by Indian Hill voters on December 16, 1941. The Charter acts as the City's constitution. It defines the City's organizational structure, powers, functions and procedures such as, but not limited to, the following:

- the composition of Council and how members are elected
- the procedures for legislative action
- the appointment of the city manager
- city departments
- city boards and commissions
- how elections shall be held
- how citizen petitions shall be handled
- financial procedures
- other general provisions

The Charter may be amended from time to time only upon approval by the Indian Hill voters. Five amendments have been approved by Indian Hill voters since 1941. Those amendments were approved in 1970, 1973, 1976, 1994 and 1999. The current City Charter may be viewed at www.ihill.org/charter

This year, Indian Hill Council created a Charter Review Subcommittee to assess the entire Charter to evaluate and make recommendations which assist in making municipal operations more efficient while also bringing the Charter format up-to-date. The Subcommittee consisted of Vice Mayor Melissa Cowan, Mr. Bear Tullis (resident), Mr. Karl Grafe (resident), Mr. Scott Phillips (City Solicitor), Mr. Jon West (Assistant City Manager), Mrs. Jessica Chaney (Director of Administrative Services) and Mrs. Dina Minneci (City Manager).

The Subcommittee has met several times and will be making recommendations to Council on Charter updates. After review of the recommendations with the Subcommittee, Council will hold three readings at the September 23rd, October 21st (including a Public Hearing) and November 18th Council meetings. If passed, these Charter changes will be presented to the Board of Elections to be placed on the March 17, 2020 ballot for voters to decide. In addition, a letter of all recommended changes with an Executive Summary will be sent to all residents in January/February 2020.

In addition to the three legislative readings and resident mailing, residents will be provided updates on the Charter recommendations in upcoming Bulletins and on the Indian Hill website (www.ihill.org). Also, a general overview will be presented at the Community Forum on September 5, 2019.

If you have questions, please contact Dina Minneci at dminneci@ihill.org or 513-561-6500.