

## **City of Reading Charter Board**

April 12, 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 Board's next meeting will be May 3, 2011. The regularly scheduled meeting of April 19, 2011 is cancelled due to unavailability of the Board Solicitor.
- Mr. Richter's re-appointment remains pending.
- Charter Board minutes are complete and remitted to the City Clerks office through 4/5/2011.

### **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. The Board unanimously agrees to request a one week extension from City Council. Pending extension, the Board will take formal action on Advisory Opinion #23 on May 3, 2011.

Advisory Opinion #24 – Dated 3/29/11 with formal action taken 4/5/11. This Advisory Opinion will be issued April 13, 2011.

### **IV. Enforcement**

- 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 7:15 pm and exited Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

After returning to public session, a motion was made by Ms. Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Richter to approve and issue the Final Opinion and Order for Investigation #31, as amended, which holds that City Council, as a body, violated the Charter by adopting Bill No. 24-2007, in as much as the Ordinance constitutes an impermissible attempt to amend the initiative and referendum process of Charter Article XI, and the Ordinance impermissibly expands the role of the City Clerk. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

V. **Closing –Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Gibson, Chairperson  
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