

## Special Committee for Charter Revision Holds Second Meeting

(August 10, 2009) The special committee held its second working meeting at 7 pm on August 10 in city hall. The committee is composed of councilmembers Jim Jester, Richard Green and Theresa Kernerly and city clerk Kristen Mahan and the city attorney and his assistant attorney were also in attendance.

The meeting was attended by approximately 12 citizens and members of the press and included a detailed review of all changes that had been incorporated from the model made available by the Georgia Municipal Association.

The meeting lasted until nearly 11 pm and was devoted to discussing and seeking citizen input on every section being reviewed. Public participation was excellent and most items and issues were revised with a broad consensus from among attendees.

Between now and the final working session meeting scheduled for 10 am on September 14, recommended changes and modifications will be refined and incorporated into the working version of our working updated version. This document will be reviewed and finalized prior to being presented to the mayor and council. In the meanwhile, committee members, councilmembers and the public at-large are encouraged to consider items that should be considered for change and to send those items and issues to the city clerk ([kmahan@cityofhoschton.com](mailto:kmahan@cityofhoschton.com)) or drop a note in the drop box in front of city hall.

Both Senator Hudgens and Representative Benton have been consulted and are on-board with the city's efforts to update our charter. They both recognized the need to update our ninety-one year old charter and are committed to carrying the new charter through the legislative process once it had been approved at the local level.

The city clerk continues to serve at the point of contact for all questions and suggestions and the public is encouraged to attend, participate and be aware of this important project.

A summary of the committee's recommendations are linked to this article along with all other documents being utilized by the committee – Jim Jester