

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY TASK FORCE

July 15, 2013 – 4:30 p.m.

Public Safety Center, 330 W. Scott

PRESENT: Lola Butcher, Randall Doennig, Rev. Steve Gardner, Dick Hardy, Dr. Ginger Holczer, Jeff Houghton, Cindy Lear, Rick McLain, Lynn Meyerkord, Rev. Michael Overton, Pam Sailors, Robert Saylor, Sarah Smith, Judge Miles Sweeney; David Trippe, Gary Whitaker
Angela Filbeck – Alternate

CITY STAFF LIAISONS: Dan Wichmer – City Attorney, Sharon Smith – City Manager’s Office, Kelly Johnson, MCHRCR Chairman

ABSENT: N/A

Judge Miles Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The 7/8/13 minutes were reviewed. Rev. Steve Gardner moved to approve the minutes as printed, and Randall Doennig seconded. Minutes approved.

Judge Sweeney led discussion on how the Task Force would like to structure the report to City Council. Task Force Members Cindy Lear and Sarah Smith agreed to write the executive summary from the sub-committee reports. Goal is to have draft summary electronically submitted to Task Force within one week. Members are requested to review and provide comments via email.

After discussion of amendments on Council Bills 2012-226 and 2012-248 that were tabled by Council, but had not previously been provided to Task Force, copies were made on site and distributed for review. City Attorney Dan Wichmer reviewed changes to the bills that then created the amendments, but reminded Task Force members that amended bills had been tabled by Council.

MCHRCR Chairman Kelly Johnson distributed a response memo on behalf of MCHRCR to Task Force member Robert Saylor’s potential proposal of compromise.

After discussion of additional options presented by other Task Force members, it was determined that three additional options would be added to the options list created during 7/8/2013 meeting. Task Force members voted on seven options, which are included as an Attachment to these minutes.

Judge Sweeney will work to revise Pros and Cons in preparation for report to Council. Final report will include the following:

- Introduction
- Fact Sheet
- Proposed Options with votes
- Sub-Committee Reports
- Executive Summary

Final draft report will be submitted to Task Force via email for review and comments before being submitted to City Council in final form.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Options for vote by Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Task Force
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- 1. Pass Amended Council Bill 2012-226 as submitted, to include Religious Organization Exemption amendment proposed by David Trippe (Attachment “1”):**

YES – 9

NO – 6

Butcher	YES
Doennig	NO
Gardner	YES
Hardy	NO
Holczer	YES
Houghton	YES
Lear	YES
McLain	NO
Meyerkord	YES
Overton	NO
Sailors	YES
Saylor	NO
Smith	YES
Trippe	YES
Whitaker	NO

- 2. Defeat Amended Council Bill 2012-226 as submitted:**

4 - YES

11 – NO

Butcher	NO
Doennig	NO
Gardner	NO
Hardy	YES
Holczer	NO
Houghton	NO
Lear	NO
McLain	YES
Meyerkord	NO
Overton	YES
Sailors	NO
Saylor	NO
Smith	NO
Trippe	NO
Whitaker	YES

3. Send to a vote of the people:

YES – 1

NO – 13

ABSTAIN - 1

Butcher	NO
Doennig	NO
Gardner	NO
Hardy	YES
Holczer	NO
Houghton	NO
Lear	NO
McLain	NO
Meyerkord	NO
Overton	ABSTAIN
Sailors	NO
Saylor	NO
Smith	NO
Trippe	NO
Whitaker	NO

4. Table the ordinance – pending further development at state and/or federal levels:

YES – 4

NO - 11

Butcher	NO
Doennig	NO
Gardner	NO
Hardy	YES
Holczer	NO
Houghton	NO
Lear	NO
McLain	YES
Meyerkord	NO
Overton	YES
Sailors	NO
Saylor	NO
Smith	NO
Trippe	NO
Whitaker	YES

5. That the City Council refer the issue back to the Human Rights Commission to negotiate an acceptable ordinance with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Greene County Baptist Association and the Catholic Diocese, as proposed by Dick Hardy.

YES – 3
NO - 12

Butcher	NO
Doennig	NO
Gardner	NO
Hardy	YES
Holczer	NO
Houghton	NO
Lear	NO
McLain	YES
Meyerkord	NO
Overton	YES
Sailors	NO
Saylor	NO
Smith	NO
Trippe	NO
Whitaker	NO

6. Pass Amended Council Bill 2012-226 as submitted, to include Religious Organization Exemption notification proposed by Sarah Smith, noting one change of updating business license from 90 days to 60 days (Attachment “2”):

YES – 0
NO – 15

Butcher	NO
Doennig	NO
Gardner	NO
Hardy	NO
Holczer	NO
Houghton	NO
Lear	NO
McLain	NO
Meyerkord	NO
Overton	NO
Sailors	NO
Saylor	NO
Smith	NO
Trippe	NO
Whitaker	NO

7. **Amended Council Bill 2012-226 but remove all provisions pertaining to sexual orientation and gender identity except in the area of housing, with a request that City Staff gather other data pertaining to discrimination in employment and public accommodation, as proposed by Robert Saylor (Attachment “3”):**

YES – 12

NO – 3

Butcher	YES
Doennig	YES
Gardner	YES
Hardy	YES
Holczer	NO
Houghton	YES
Lear	YES
McLain	NO
Meyerkord	YES
Overton	YES
Sailors	YES
Saylor	YES
Smith	NO
Trippe	YES
Whitaker	YES