

Consolidated Council Suggestions
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Proposed Revisions to Charter of City of Hudson (Part 2)
4/9/15

SECTION 6.04 CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING.

The City Manager may, within the amounts and items appropriated by the Council, make purchases and enter into contracts in behalf of the Municipality involving expenditures for the whole of any authorized project, asset or service not in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without competitive bidding, except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance of the Council. No purchase or contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be made except with the lowest and best bidder as determined by Council after advertising for bids, in writing, for a period of at least once a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the Municipality; provided, however, that the Council may authorize contracts without advertising for bids for professional services, for the acquisition of real estate, for the joint use of facilities or exercise of powers with other political subdivisions, or for the product or services of public utilities (including those Municipally operated), and the Council may authorize a purchase or a contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without advertising for bids if it determines and declares by an affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property or public peace and sets forth the nature of the emergency in its resolution or ordinance. (Amended 11-7-00; 11-2-10). The Council may also authorize a purchase or a contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without advertising for bids if the purchase or contract is made through another political subdivision's contract for purchases or a joint or cooperative purchasing program, as such methods of purchasing and contracting are authorized by state law.

SECTION 8.04 ~~PARK BOARD — COMPOSITION AND TERMS, MUNICIPAL PARKS~~

The Park Board shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) electors of the Municipality appointed by Council to serve without compensation. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality for two years preceding appointment and shall remain a resident during the member's term. Members shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive full four (4) year terms. In the event of a vacancy, Council shall appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term. (Amended 11-8-05; 11-2-10)

SECTION 8.05 — MUNICIPAL PARKS.

~~The Municipality shall operate and maintain public parks and public lands acquired or designated by Council. The Park Board shall, as directed by Council, supervise the operation of the parks, submit an annual budget with the advice of the City Manager to Council for its approval and appropriation of funds, approve park expenditures in accordance with the appropriation for payment by the Finance Director, provide for conservation and recreation activities within the Parks System and perform such other tasks as may be designated by~~

Council. The City Manager shall hire Parks management personnel, with the advice of the Park Board.

Tax levies designated for the operation of the public park system shall be recommended by the Park Board and may be approved by Council for placement on the ballot. Funds collected and appropriated for park purposes shall be maintained as a Special Revenue Fund by the Finance Director of the Municipality.

The Park Board shall provide for lands suitable for park activities and programs, and for lands suitable for natural preserves. Land acquisitions for park purposes shall be recommended by the Park Board and may be approved by Council and shall conform to the Comprehensive Plan and enacting ordinances in effect at the time of the acquisition. No land under the jurisdiction of the Park Board and devoted to public park purposes shall be sold, nor used by the Municipality for purposes other than public park purposes, except by a vote of a majority of the electors of the Municipality. (Amended 11-7-00; 11-2-10)

Municipal parks within the Municipality shall be operated and maintained by the Municipality. Council shall provide for a Park Board which shall advise the Municipality on park matters. The Board shall consist of _____ to _____ qualified electors of the Municipality to serve without compensation. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality for a period of two (2) years preceding the appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term. Members shall serve no more than three (3) full four (4) year terms. In the event of a vacancy, Council may appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term; provided that there will always be a minimum of _____ members on the Board. Meetings shall be open to the public except as provided by State law.

Alternate Proposed Revision to Charter of City of Hudson

4/9/15

SECTION 8.05 MUNICIPAL PARKS.

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