

**Zachary Home Rule Charter  
City of Zachary, LA  
Council Chambers, 4700 Main Street  
Thursday, September 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday September 19, 2024, at the Zachary City Hall located at 4700 Main Street, Zachary, LA.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Kwentua offered the Invocation

Commissioner Kline offered the Pledge of Allegiance

**C. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Billy Kline

Adam Kwentua

LT Dupre'

John Hopewell

Darin David

ABSENT

Brandon Noel

Ben Cavin

2. READING OF CITY POLICY RELATIVE TO OPEN MEETINGS

An opportunity for public comment shall be observed before a vote is taken on any agenda item. Once recognized by the presiding officer, the person afforded the floor, shall identify the agenda item upon which he or she wishes to provide comment and shall limit his or her comments to matters that are strictly relevant to that agenda item.

Commentary shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person. No dialogue between Zachary Home Rule Charter board members and the public shall be permitted at these meetings, except to clarify the nature of questions and/or comments. The presiding officer reserves the right to limit and/or terminate any commentary when deemed necessary or outside of public decorum.

3. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

**D. READING OF THE MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2024, meeting, and approve them as written.

The motion was made by Commissioner Hopewell

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupre'

YEAS: Kline, Hopewell, Dupre, David, Kwentua  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Noel, Cavin  
ABSTAINED: None

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review, Discussion, and approval of Home Rule Charter proposed changes.

The PUBLIC HEARING was opened at 6:07 p.m. There being no one to speak in favor or against the proposed change the PUBLIC HEARING was closed at 6:07 p.m.

The Commissioners reviewed ARTICLE II – CITY COUNCIL - SECTION 2-03 COMPENSATION

The motion was made by Commissioner Kline

The motion was seconded by Commissioner David

To approve the proposed changes to ARTICLE II – CITY COUNCIL - SECTION 2-03 COUNCIL COMPENSATION as follows:

Monthly compensation for council members is mandated and shall be set by ordinance. Once set by ordinance, the compensation shall remain fixed unless and until changed by ordinance, but such setting shall not reduce the salary of council members during the term for which they were elected. For purposes of the initial fixing, the ordinance in place at the time of the approval by the electors of the new charter or amendments shall become the effective compensation benchmark. No ordinance changing the compensation of council members shall be adopted during the last year of a term of office. Any ordinance changing the salary or other monetary compensation shall become effective twelve months from the date of adoption.

YEAS: Kline, Kwentua, David, Hopewell, Dupre  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Noel, Cavin  
ABSTAINED: None

**G. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Commissioner Kline thanked everyone for their time and effort to serve on the commission.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

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**Dana LeJeune, Clerk of City Council**  
**CITY OF ZACHARY**  
**PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**William Kline, Chairman**

I, Dana LeJeune, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City Council for the City of Zachary, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Zachary Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Zachary, Louisiana, held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, a proper quorum being there and then present.

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**Dana LeJeune, Clerk of the City Council**