

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, 5 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

PRESENT: Members Warren Avery, James Goldman, Kori Norsell, Garth Newberry, Malissa McKeith, Randolph Ben Clymer, Jr., Rafael “Frank” Ramirez, Pete Benavidez, Thanouthong “Brian” Saipramuk, Alia Rodriguez, Larry Burns, and Alternate Monrow A. Mabon

ABSENT: Member Garth Newberry

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo and Elliot Min

Chair Clymer convened the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no oral comments.

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Avery and seconded by Member Benavidez to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021 with the correction that Members Rodriguez and Benavidez volunteered to participate on the subcommittee for discussions of the utility general fund transfer. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDITING, INVESTIGATION, AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSOLIDATION INTO ONE CITY UNIT OVERSEEN BY A CHARTER OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Member Avery reported on the subcommittee summary findings with three options for consideration including: (a) do nothing and leave process as is; (b) move forward with Request for Proposals for panel of auditing agencies; or (c) create a new office of accountability regarding oversight of complaints or whistle-blower complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal conduct. It was moved by Chair Clymer and seconded by Vice Chair McKeith to direct the subcommittee to explore the creation of a new office of accountability with recommendations including options of outside audit agency, appointed or elected position, and point of contact. The motion carried with Chair Clymer, Vice Chair McKeith, and Members Norsell, Rodriguez, Goldman, Burns and Benavidez voting aye and Member Saipramuk voting no. Member Avery abstained.

MAYOR'S POWERS SCOPE

Member Goldman reported on the subcommittee proposal regarding the Mayoral powers. It was moved by Member Goldman and seconded by Member Benavidez to direct City staff to draft and return to the next Committee meeting with proposed language amending the Mayor's powers in the City Charter. The motion carried with Chair Clymer, Vice Chair McKeith, and Members Goldman, Norsell, Saipramuk, Benavidez, and Avery voting aye and Members Rodriguez and Burns voting no.

UTILITY GENERAL FUND TRANSFER

The utility general fund transfer discussion item was continued to a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Regarding the discussion item on the City Council meeting agenda of April 27, 2021, for referral of proposed amendment to the City Charter based on City of Riverside Services Protection Measure to the Charter Committee, it was moved by Member Benavidez and seconded by Member Goldman to have Chair Clymer attend the City Council meeting and request to have the item pulled from the agenda. The motion carried with Chair Clymer, Vice Chair McKeith, and Members Goldman, Norsell, Saipramuk, Benavidez, Avery, and Rodriguez voting aye and Member Burns voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA ARSEO  
Assistant City Clerk