

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 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: None

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo and Elliot Min

Chair Clymer convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Interview with Mayor Lock Dawson

The Committee's inquiries and discussion with Mayor Lock Dawson included the William R. Bailey v City of Riverside litigation, the authority of the Mayor, checks and balances, veto versus vote power voter confusion, expansion of veto to policies and budget line item expenditures, input on the selection of an inspector general, audits and investigations, clean air and sustainability.

Mayor Lock Dawson expressed support of the judge's decision on the Bailey v City of Riverside litigation, role of the Mayor being a voter decision, veto power, having input in Charter Officer selection process, and green and clean entrepreneurial tech system.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tom Evans and Aurora Chavez spoke regarding Mayor's veto.

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Avery and seconded by Member Goldman to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS TRACKING AND REPORTING PROCESS

City Manager Zelinka reported on the internal and external audits and investigations tracking and reporting. No formal action was required.

AUDITING, INVESTIGATION, RISK MANAGEMENT INTO ONE CITY UNIT OVERSEEN BY CHARTER OR ELECTED OFFICER

Member Rodriguez reported the subcommittee has narrowed down the focus on the need for additional layer of accountability, ethical decisions by management, contract bids and development agreements, concerns of additional department and oversight, and responsiveness to complaints and inquiries. No formal action was required.

SCOPE OF MAYOR'S POWERS

Member Goldman reported the subcommittee has determined to submit for consideration the restoration of the Mayor's veto power to that of the 1907 City Charter with additional budget line item veto and emergency issues, allow council authority to override the veto, and authority for check and balances.

UTILITY GENERAL FUND TRANSFER AND APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Clymer requested members volunteer to form a subcommittee for discussions of the utility general fund transfer. Chair Clymer and Vice Chair McKeith volunteered.

POTENTIAL CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING DATES

No special meeting dates were scheduled.

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

Member Rodriguez requested to have Principal Management Analyst Finch from the City Manager's Office participate on the audit subcommittee discussions. Chair Clymer requested that the Committee meet in person as soon as is allowable.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



EVA ARSEO
Interim City Clerk