

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo, Susan Wilson, Edward Enriquez, and Elliot Min

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no oral comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Clymer announced Member Monrow Mabon as a voting member on the Charter Review Committee due to the resignation of Thanouthong "Brian" Saipramuk.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

BEN CLYMER, JR., VOLUNTARILY STEPPING DOWN AS CHAIR OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - MALISSA MCKEITH VOLUNTARILY STEPPING DOWN AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - ELECTION FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Following discussion for the election of Chair, it was moved by Member Goldman and seconded by Member Mabon to suspend Robert's Rules order for the selection of Chair and Vice Chair. Motion carried with Chair Clymer, Vice Chair McKeith, and Members Norsell, Newberry, Mabon, Avery, Benavidez, Rodriguez, Ramirez, and Goldman voting aye and Member Burns voting no.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair McKeith and seconded by Member Mabon that top two nominees for Chair would have a run-off vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Clymer announced the nominees for Chair were Members Avery, Benavidez, and Goldman. No further nominations were submitted. After a run-off vote between Members Avery and Benavidez, Member Benavidez was elected as Chair.

Following discussion for the election of Vice Chair, it was moved by Member Avery and seconded by Member McKeith to elect Member Rodriguez as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Member McKeith left the meeting at this time.

Chair Benavidez presided over the meeting at this time.

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Burns and seconded by Member Norsell to approve the minutes of June 9, 16, 30, and July 15, 2021, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT LANGUAGE FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION AMENDING MAYOR'S POWERS

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Goldman and seconded by Member Mabon to work with staff to on the proposal of the Charter amendment language and brought back for the Charter Review Committee September meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Following discussion and a presentation by Member Avery, it was moved by Member Mabon and seconded by Member Clymer to move forward with the option of the job title to be Inspector General and present to the City Council. The motion carried with Chair Benavidez, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Members Mabon, Ramirez, Goldman, Newberry, Avery, Norsell and Clymer voting aye and Member Burns voting no.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member Clymer and seconded by Member Mabon to have the Inspector General position be elected. The motion carried with Chair Benavidez, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Members Mabon, Ramirez, Newberry, Avery, Norsell, and Clymer voting aye, Member Goldman abstaining, and Member Burns voting no.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member Goldman and seconded by Member Clymer that the Inspector General have full subpoena powers. The motion carried with Chair Benavidez, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Members Mabon, Ramirez, Goldman, Newberry, Avery, Norsell and Clymer voting aye and Member Burns voting no.

OBTAINING DIRECTION FROM CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING EXPECTATIONS OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Newberry and seconded by Member Avery to proceed with a presentation to the City Council on the proposed Inspector General position and to obtain further direction from the City Council. The motion

carried with Chair Benavidez, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and Members Ramirez, Newberry, Avery, Norsell and Clymer voting aye and Members Mabon, Goldman and Burns voting no.

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

Member Clymer reported that Board of Ethics Chair Nelson requested a joint meeting with the Charter Review Committee regarding the topic of the Inspector General and potential overlap of duties with the scope of the Board of Ethics. Following discussion, it was moved by Member Goldman and seconded by Member Mabon to accept the invitation of the Board of Ethics and request of the City Council to allow a joint meeting of the Charter Review Committee and the Board of Ethics. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA ARSEO
Assistant City Clerk