

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo, Donesia Gause, Susan Wilson, and Edward Enriquez

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no oral comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Benavidez reported the transparency of government meetings and community participation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Mabon and seconded by Member Avery to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021, as presented. The motion carried with Members Clymer and McKeith abstaining.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT LANGUAGE FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION
AMENDING MAYORAL AUTHORITY

Following discussion, it was moved by Member McKeith and seconded by Member Mabon to (1) approve the proposed Charter amendment language and allow the Assistant City Attorney Wilson and Member Goldman to revise and finalize the language as necessary; and (2) return to the next Charter Review Committee meeting with a draft Final Report recommending the proposed Charter amendment language and ballot question to the City Council in December. The motion carried with Chair Benavidez, Vice Chair Rodriguez and Members Avery, Clymer, Goldman, Mabon, McKeith, Newberry, Norsell, and Ramirez voting aye and Member Burns voting no.

AUDITING, INVESTIGATION, AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSOLIDATION INTO ONE CITY UNIT OVERSEEN BY AN INSPECTOR GENERAL

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee received and ordered filed the subcommittee report provided by Member Avery regarding the auditing, investigation, and risk management consolidation into one city unit overseen by an Inspector General.

REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL FOR EXTENSION OF TIMELINE FOR CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - PUBLICATION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT ON WRITTEN COMPLAINTS OR WHISTLE-BLOWER COMPLAINTS ALLEGING FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, OR CRIMINAL CONDUCT

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Avery and seconded by Member Mabon to (1) request that the City Council grant an extension of the timeline for the Charter Review Committee consideration of Charter amendment referral of publication of an annual report on written complaints or whistle-blower complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal conduct until February 2022; and (2) designate Member Avery to represent the Charter Review Committee and present the subcommittee update regarding the Inspector General position. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Member Clymer requested Ann Marie Hogan with the Association of Local Government Auditors to present information regarding the Inspector General position to the Charter Review Committee at the November meeting.

There were no items requested for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA ARSEO
Assistant City Clerk