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City of Sacramento

2009 Sacramento Charter Review Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| ◆Larry Carr | ◆Cecily Hastings | ◆Chester Newland | ◆Tina Thomas |
| ◆William Edgar | ◆Alan LoFaso | ◆Chris Tapio | ◆Jay Wisham |
| ◆JoAnn Fuller | ◆Robert Murphy | ◆John Taylor | |

CITY STAFF:

Matthew Ruyak, Supervising Deputy City Attorney
Patti Bisharat, Director of Governmental Affairs
Mark Prestwich, Governmental Affairs Special Project Manager
Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chamber

Monday - April 20, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.

The 2009 Sacramento Charter Review Committee is an advisory body to the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to review the City's current Charter and make recommendations for amendment with a final report to be presented to the City Council on or before January 26, 2010.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (per time allotted) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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The order of Agenda items are listed for reference and may be taken in any order deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Agenda provides a general description and staff recommendations; however, the Committee may take action other than what is recommended. The Agenda is available for public review at 915 I Street, courtyard posting kiosks. Hard copies are available from the City Clerk's Office. (10 cents per page)

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All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Committee unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – called to order at 6:03 p.m. by facilitator Michele McCormick; all members present. City Clerk announced the resignation of Larry Carr, District 8 appointment, effective this date.

Staff Comment – Patti Bisharat reconfirmed the agenda.

Discussion and Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Action: Moved, seconded (Murphy/Newland) to approve Committee Minutes for April 2, 2009.

2. **Correspondence**

Action: Received and filed.

3. **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Action: Tina Thomas nominated Bill Edgar to be Chair. Moved, seconded (Murphy/Taylor) to close nominations for Chair and accept Tina Thomas' nomination. Tina Thomas nominated JoAnn Fuller to be Vice Chair. Moved, seconded (Taylor/LoFaso) to close nominations and accept Tina Thomas' nomination. Newly elected Chair, Bill Edgar, took his post as Chair of the Committee.

4. **Background**

- a. Review of City Charter and City Code
- b. City of Sacramento Overview

Action: Received and filed.

5. **Review of Workplan/Timeline**

Action: Direction given to staff to provide a list of speakers representing cities, academics, organizations and practitioners from which the Committee may select to provide public testimony. Moved, seconded (Edgar/Murphy) to direct staff to create a refined and detailed work plan to be brought back for Committee review and comment at the May 7, 2009 meeting.

6. Follow-up: Request to Discuss Governance Problem

Action: Committee deferred this item to be incorporated in the Workplan.

7. Issue: City's Governance Structure

- a. City Governance Structure
- b. Review of Strong Mayor Initiative: Comparison & Analysis

Action: Received and filed.

8. Review Draft Agenda for May 7, 2009 Meeting

Action: Direction given to staff to amend draft agenda to include "Review of Expanded Work Plan/Timelines".

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Committee Ideas, Questions and Announcements

Chair Edgar thanked Michelle McCormick for her work as Committee facilitator up to the point that he was elected as Chair, and requested that she be available on an as-needed basis for future Committee facilitation services.

Requested Materials:

1. Chair Edgar - February 17 City Attorney's Council Report number 19 entitled "Report Back: Sacramento Charter Review Committee".
2. Chris Tapio - report back on how other city's without 'residual powers' in their charter deal with the Mayor servings on boards, commissions and JPAs.
3. John Taylor - reference material noted by footnote in City Attorney's "Review of Strong Mayor Initiative: Comparison & Analysis" report (item 7) "Source: James H Svara, 'Are Elected Executives Needed to Achieve Accountability to Citizens' Performance Issues and Form of Government in Large US Cities' (2006) using 2005 population estimates."

Adjournment – Moved, seconded (Taylor/Thomas) adjournment at 8:45 p.m.