



Minutes City of Sacramento 2009 Sacramento Charter Review Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ◆William Edgar, Chair
- ◆JoAnn Fuller, Vice-Chair
- ◆Cecily Hastings
- ◆Grantland Johnson
- ◆Alan LoFaso
- ◆Robert Murphy
- ◆Chester Newland
- ◆Chris Tapio
- ◆John Taylor
- ◆Tina Thomas
- ◆Jay Wisham

CITY STAFF:

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

Thursday - May 7, 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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MINUTES

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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 - to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Bill Edgar; member Robert Murphy absent (excused); member Johnson arrived at 6:10 p.m. City Clerk announced Grantland Johnson as the new District 8 representative replacing Larry Carr.

Staff Comment – None.

Discussion and Reports

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (LoFaso/Thomas) approval of April 20, 2009 minutes.

2. **Correspondence**

Action: Received and filed

3. **Committee Work Plan**

Action:

- a. Meeting Calendar/Topics/Speakers – it was agreed that local organizations would be notified and invited to speak; the work plan is a fluid document and additional speakers will be added along the way including Neil Pierce and Bruce Katz under Governance/Academics.
- b. Strategies for Receiving Information – it was agreed that the benchmark cities would include Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Diego, San Jose, Austin, El Paso, Seattle, San Antonio, Fresno, Long Beach, Oakland and Cincinnati. It was also agreed that the work plan would be modified to allow for public testimony prior to any intent motions being made.
- c. Decision Making Process – Chair Edgar described the intent motion process and recommended such as the best way to manage the volume of information and resulting decisions to be made by the Committee; staff will prepare a “Benchmark Cities Matrix” to compile information received in a meaningful comparison manner to include a list of common questions as approved by the Committee.

CT Weber, gave public comment regarding proportional representation voting and asked if the Committee would consider discussing different voting methodologies and perhaps asking each of our benchmark cities what voting model they use. Other suggested questions for the matrix included (1) the percentage of people appointed in each city, (2) what are the charter officer positions in each city, (3) are they elected by district, at large, or some combination thereof.

d. Outreach Plan – it was agreed that the committee would need to educate people attending the community forums in the basics of the prior to asking for opinions on the subject areas; Neighborhood Services will be used to coordinate community forums; staff will create a draft FAQ flyer/brochure for Committee review at the next meeting.

4. June Status Report to Council

Action: It was agreed that the first status report to the City Council would include the meeting calendar, work plan, strategies for receiving information, and the outreach plan. Staff will prepare a draft staff report to be reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting. Chair Edgar will make the presentation to the City Council.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda – None.

Committee Ideas, Questions and Announcements – None.

Adjournment – 8:35 p.m.