



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:

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, July 20, 2009 – 7:30 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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MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2009

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

Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call - called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chair Edgar. Member Johnson arrived at 8:05 p.m..

Staff Comment

- a. In response to last week's request to bring strong mayor's to meeting to provide background and input Mark Prestwich reported that there were 17 strong mayor cities but only 6 that were reasonably comparable and he was working with the Mayor's office to arrange for some to come before the Committee. Mark also reported that the e-subscribe was set up and ready for use.
- b. Matt Ruyak reported that there would be no legal reason why Instant Runoff Voting would not be an acceptable form of voting for the city.

Discussion and Reports

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Murphy/LoFaso; Absent – Johnson) approval of the July 2, 2009 minutes.

2. Correspondence

Action: Received and filed.

3. Presentation by New America Foundation

Blair Bobier, Deputy Director, Political Reform Program, New America Foundation

Action: The presentation was followed by questions and discussion.

4. Review of July Outreach Meetings

Action: Those members who had attended the 4 community meetings to date reported their experience to the group with most agreeing that more time was needed; being placed at the end of the agenda is more desirable than in the middle; and a proposed or intent statement from the Committee presented to the groups would facilitate a better and more involved discussion.

5. Committee Decision Making Process/Framework

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Murphy/Johnson) to approve staff's recommendation with the modification that Green Waste would continue to August 3 and would be heard and intent motion adopted at that meeting.

6. Charter Updates and Clean-up

Matthew Ruyak, Supervising Deputy City Attorney, City of Sacramento

Action: Continued to August 3, 2009

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda – None.

Committee Ideas, Questions and Announcements

- a. Chris Tapio – (1) inquired as to the timeline for strong mayor's to speak before the Committee. (2) encouraged Committee to read the Model City Charter as it contains valuable information and outreach suggestions and requested that a copy be available at city clerk's office since it is a copyrighted document and not allowed on the web for public; and (3) technical charter amendments
- b. Tina Thomas – requested report back on the status of the Mayor's initiatives

Adjournment – 9:30 p.m.