



Minutes City of Sacramento 2009 Sacramento Charter Review Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| ◆William Edgar, Chair | ◆Grantland Johnson | ◆Chester Newland | ◆Tina Thomas |
| ◆JoAnn Fuller, Vice-Chair | ◆Alan LoFaso | ◆Chris Tapio | ◆Jay Wisham |
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CITY STAFF:

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

New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chamber
Monday, August 3, 2009 at 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- called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Edgar. Members Taylor and Thomas were absent. Member Johnson arrived at 6:18 p.m..

Staff Comment – Mark Prestwich reported that the website traffic related to the Charter Review Committee was steadily increasing.

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/Taylor/Thomas) approval of the Committee Minutes for July 20, 2009 meeting.

2. **Correspondence**

Action: Received and filed.

3. **Discussion of Mayor-Council Form of Government Invited Speakers:**

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Jim Patterson, Former Mayor, City of Fresno

Action: Pubic comment given by Kate Lenox and Pennie Taylor. The presentations of Mayor Chavez and Former Mayor Patterson were followed by discussion.

4. Recommendation of Committee Regarding Green Waste Disposal
Matthew Ruyak, Supervising Deputy City Attorney, City of Sacramento

Action: Public comment provided by Rick Bettis. Moved, seconded, carried (LoFaso/Johnson; Absent – Taylor/Thomas) to eliminate Green Waste from the Charter Review Committee review. Chair Edgar will inform the City Council of this action.

5. Suggestions for Miscellaneous Charter Updates and Clean-up
Matthew Ruyak, Supervising Deputy City Attorney, City of Sacramento

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Newland/Johnson; Absent – Taylor/Thomas) a motion directing staff to prepare a report for the next Committee meeting incorporating the City Attorney's recommendations to address three legal areas of concern; 1) Section 11 dealing with water meters; 2) Article 12, section 173 regarding the Board of Education; and 3) Article 10, section 153 dealing with the date that newly electeds are seated.

6. Update on Community Outreach

Action: Public comment given by Tamie Dramer. Following discussion there was consensus to 1) add the strong mayor initiative information into the matrix; 2) plan the September community meetings to allow for more public comment; 3) Cecily Hastings to bring back to the next Committee meeting a list of questions that can be used to facilitate and gather information from the upcoming community meetings, and 4) an category will be added to the agenda so that Members may report out at each Committee meeting if they have attended any events or meetings since the last Committee meeting

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

- a. Alexander Vasquez – discussed effects of low-voter turnout and the impact on the passing of initiatives.

Committee Ideas, Questions and Announcements

- a. LoFaso – requested report back on incumbent turnover when using Instant Runoff Voting systems.

Adjournment – 9:00 p.m.