



**Charter Review Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Monday, April 21, 2014**

**Commission Members Present:**

Rafael Anchia  
Jan Hart Black  
Robert Chereck  
Levi Davis, First Vice Chair  
Eva Elvove  
Lois Finkelman, Second Vice Chair  
Michael Northrup  
Diane Ragsdale  
Bob Stimson  
Mary Suhm  
Alan Walne

**Staff Members Present:**

Lois Dillard  
Anna Holmes  
Tricia Horatio  
Parris Long  
Barbara McAninch  
Rosa Rios  
John Rogers  
Elizabeth Zornes

**Commission Members Absent:**

Liz Cedillo- Pereira, Tom Perkins, Jeanne Phillips, Paul Rich, Max Wells

5:37 PM Meeting called to order by Rafael Anchia

A quorum was present

**Welcome and Work Plan**

**Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia**

**Discussion Item:** Chair Anchia gave a brief recap of the meeting held April 15, 2014, where the Commission continued a work session on redistricting. Consensus was reached on when the redistricting process will start, how applications will be solicited and reviewed, disqualification of applicants, and guidelines for the redistricting process. The work plan included further qualifications for the redistricting commission and the selection process for members. The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2014 to discuss Council pay and terms. Tuesday, May 6, 2014, is set as the date for the final vote on recommendations that will be presented to the City Council.

**Approval of Minutes of April, 15 2014**

**Action Taken/Item for Consideration:** Chair Anchia made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the meeting held on April 15, 2014. Commissioner Chereck seconded.

The Agenda item concerning citizen testimony on redistricting was amended to strike that Mr. Crenshaw advocates for an independent redistricting commission. The statement "Mr. Crenshaw advocates single member districts for an independent redistricting commission", was replaced with, "Mr. Crenshaw advocates single member districts for the redistricting commission."



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Barbara Rosenberg was added as a presenter to the Agenda Item concerning consideration of amendments to Chapter IV § 12, Chapter V § 1, Chapter XVIII §§ 11, 12, 13 and 14.

In relation to Agenda item, consideration of amendments to Chapter IV § 12, Chapter V § 1, Chapter XVIII §§ 11, 12, 13 and 14, the following language was added to the minutes of April 25, 2014:

“No action was taken to include language in the charter addressing staffing levels of the Office of the City Secretary.”

“No action was taken to provide the City Council the power to amend or repeal an ordinance adopted by petition.”

**Motion passed unanimously**

Continuation of Redistricting Work Session; Worksheet and Consideration of proposed amendments

**Presenter(s): Barbara McAninch**

**Discussion Item:** The Commission continued the work session on Chapter IV § 5 concerning the redistricting process. A consensus was reached on the following items:

- Qualifications of applicants to the redistricting commission
- Redistricting applicant pool to be comprised of persons from the community appointed by Council members along with applicants that applied independently
- City Council members will select the four at-large members of the redistricting commission
- Placing communities of interest into single districts

**Action Taken/Item for Consideration:** Commissioner Finkelman made a motion to approve that each councilmember selects one redistricting commissioner from the qualified applicant pool. Commissioner Black seconded.

**Motion was withdrawn**

Consideration of other proposed amendments

**Presenter(s): Commissioner Northrup, Lois Dillard**

**Discussion item(s):** Commissioner Northrup presented proposed amendments to the city charter.

No action taken on the proposed amendment to Chapter IV § 7 (Nomination by Petition) to add a filing fee in addition to a signed petition for persons that wish to become a candidate for the city council.

**Action Taken/Item for Consideration:** Commissioner Northrup made a motion to amend Chapter VI § 1 to allow for the removal of the city manager by a majority vote. Commissioner Stimson seconded.

Commissioners, Anchia, Elvove Northrup, and Stimson voted AYE



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Commissioners Black, Chereck, Davis, Finkelman, Ragsdale, Suhm and Walne voted NAY

**Motion Fails**

**4 Ayes**

**7 Nays**

No action was taken to amend Chapter XI § 4 regarding allowing the city council to transfer appropriations by a majority vote.

Consensus was reached to amend a technical change to Chapter XI § 6 to strike the city secretary and replace with the chief financial officer in relation to expenditures only pursuant to appropriations.

Consensus was reached to amend a technical change to Chapter XI § 8 to strike city controller and replace with chief financial officer in regards to payments of obligations.

Consensus was reached to amend Chapter XVI § 12(a) to allow the civil service board to designate a secretary to the trial board.

**Request for Information:** Commissioner Chereck requests that a cost estimate for records retention of all City Council along with boards and commission meetings be provided.

**Request for Information:** Commissioner Davis requested more information on which boards and commissions would be subject to long term records retention.

**Action Taken/Item for Consideration:** Commissioner Black made a motion to reconsider allowing the City Secretary 60 days to review a petition. Commissioner Northrup seconded.

**Motion passes unanimously**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45**

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**Chair**

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**Commission Administrator**