



**Charter Review Commission
Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers, City Hall
Tuesday, April 29, 2014**

Commission Members Present:

Rafael Anchia
Jan Hart Black
Liz Cedillo- Pereira
Robert Chereck
Levi Davis, First Vice Chair
Eva Elvove
Lois Finkelman, Second Vice Chair
Michael Northrup
Tom Perkins
Diane Ragsdale
Paul Rich
Bob Stimson
Mary Suhm
Alan Walne

Staff Members Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

Jeanne Phillips, Max Wells

5:40 PM Meeting called to order by Rafael Anchia

A quorum was present

Welcome and Work Plan

Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia

Discussion Item: Chair Anchia reiterated that feedback from the community regarding proposed amendments is integral to the charter review process.

Introduction of Chair and Commissioners

Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia

Discussion Item: Chair Anchia requested that each commission member introduce herself/himself.

Overview of Charter Review Process & Proposed Amendments

Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia

Discussion Item: The Chair briefed the public on the charter review process. The scope of the Commission's work included discussions on proposed amendments received from the City Council, City Attorney's Office and the general public. Suggested amendments considered by the Commission

included: City Council pay and terms; redistricting; the structure of boards and commissions; Civil Service and personnel. The Chair explained that the aggregate collection of suggested amendments was



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segregated into three categories, Departmental, Technical and Policy. The Chair outlined preliminary recommendations the Commission will present to the City Council. The preliminary recommendations include raising Mayor and City Council compensation and restructuring the redistricting process. The next steps in the charter review process include:

- May 6, 2014: final commission vote on recommended amendments
- May 13, 2014: reserved for final vote if necessary
- May 21, 2014: briefing to the Dallas City Council
- June 2014: Dallas City Council consideration of recommended amendments
- August 2014: submission of Council approved items to Dallas County Elections Officials
- November 4, 2014: Election on Charter amendments

Receive Public Comments on Proposed Amendments

Presenter(s): Citizens

Discussion Item: Citizens gave comment on the Charter Review Process for the Commission's consideration. Each item suggested by a speaker that related to the Charter was added to the Suggested Amendments to the Dallas City Charter list for consideration by the Commission. The Commission received comment from the public regarding:

- Charter review commission application process
- Inclusion of a hearings process in the charter concerning boards and commissions
- Redistricting
- Increase in council compensation
- Opposition to any form of privatization
- The preservation of records (written, audio and visual) of City Council along with boards and commission meetings

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Sheridan, 11301 Dennis Rd.
Kevin Felder, 8404 Capriola Ln.
Jim Rogers, 3208 Trerolle Pl.
David McCullough, 1914 Moser Ave.
Rick Gonzales, 4283 S. Cresthaven
Bill Betzen, 6717 Cliffwood
Neil Emmons, 2525 Turtle Creek
Susy Belle Gosslee
Jose Barrientos, 3307 Falls Dr.
Melissa Kingston, 5901 Palo Pinto
Lacolia London, 1441 N. Cockrell Hill
Ken Lampton, 6014 Llano Ave.
Mary Warren
Sylvia Lagos, 131 N. Montclair



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Sandra Crenshaw
Erik Wilson, 7942 Jubilant Dr.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Chair

Commission Administrator