

Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes Council Chambers, City Hall Tuesday, April 22, 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
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, Paul Rich, Max Wells

5:34 PM Meeting called to order by Rafael Anchia

A quorum was present

Welcome and Work Plan

Presenter(s): Rafael Anchia

Discussion Item: Chair Anchia stated that the tabled items from the meeting on April 21, 2014 concerning petitions and record retention would be scheduled for the May 6, 2014 meeting. The final community meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2014. The recommendations that the Commission have reached consensus on will be presented to the public at the community meeting. The final vote on recommended amendments to present to City Council will take place on May 6, 2014.

Mayor and Council terms & pay work session

Discussion Item: The Commission discussed term limits and compensation for the Mayor and City Council. No action was taken concerning term length and limits for Mayor and City Council.

Action Taken/Item for Consideration: Chair Anchia made a motion to adopt \$57,810 for City Council and \$92,496 for the Mayor. Commissioner Cedillo-Pereira seconded.

Commissioners Anchia, Cedillo-Pereira, Stimson, and Elvove voted AYE Commissioners Chereck, Northrup, Walne, Perkins, Suhm, Davis, Finkelman, Black, and Ragsdale voted NAY



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Motion fails 4 AYES 9 NAYS

Action Taken/Item for Consideration: Commissioner Walne made a motion to use the CPI calculator as a compensation value tool with respect to Mayor and Council pay. Adjusted for CPI, the compensation of the Mayor would be \$71, 863.59 and the compensation for Council would be \$49, 530.49 with no automatic annual CPI increase included in the charter. Commissioner Perkins seconded.

Commissioners Cedillo-Pereira, Davis, Finkelman, Perkins, Ragsdale, Suhm, Walne, and voted AYE Commissioners Anchia, Black, Chereck, Elvove, Northrup, Black, and Stimson voted NAY

Motion passes by majority 7 AYES 6 NAYS

Action Taken/Item for Consideration: Commissioner Finkelman made a motion to make the Mayor and Council raises effective for the next council election in 2015. Commissioner Walne seconded.

Motion passes unanimously

Consideration of other proposed amendments

Presenter(s): Jan Hart Black

Discussion Item: Commissioner Black presented alternate language to chapters of the charter that concern publication requirements. The suggested amendments would increase transparency and make documents more widely available for the public.

Action Taken/Item for Consideration: Commissioner Northrup move to approve changes to:

- Chapter III § 19, requiring audited financial statements to be posted on the city's website and be maintained at the central and branch libraries
- Chapter XI § 3, requiring audited financial statements to be posted on the city's website and be maintained at the central and branch libraries
- Chapter XV § 4 requiring public notice of a zoning commission public hearing be placed on the city's website
- Chapter XVIII § 7 requiring that ordinances be published on the city's website



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• Chapter XVIII § 15 requiring upon the promulgation of ordinances before an election the ordinance or proposition be posted on the city's website and physical copies be maintained in the central and branch libraries.

Commissioner Finkelman seconded.

Motion passes unanimously

Request for Information: Commissioner Finkelman requested a list of items the commission has approved up to date to provide to the public.

Request for Information: Commissioner Perkins requested to post on to the Charter Review webpage a list of approved recommended amendments.

Request for Information: Commissioner Chereck requested that the approved technical changes be segregated form the policy changes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47

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