



2014 TACOMA CHARTER REVIEW
A LOOK AT HOW YOUR CITY WORKS

Kenneth Miller (Chair) – Bill Baarsma – Gary Brackett – Mabel Edmonds – Jim Merritt – John Messina – Justin Van Dyk

Charter Review

Form of Government Subcommittee Minutes

Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 12

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March 31, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

Committee Members Present: 7 – Baarsma (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Brackett, Edmonds (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Merritt (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Messina, Miller, and Van Dyk.

Committee Members Excused Absence: 0

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2014; special meeting of March 19, 2014; and meeting of March 24, 2014

Committee Member Brackett moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2014; special meeting of March 19, 2014; and meeting of March 24, 2014, be approved. Seconded by Committee Member Messina. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Review of Presentation

At approximately 5:54 p.m., Chair Miller requested feedback regarding how clearly and persuasively the Subcommittee presentation was at last week's Charter Review Committee meeting. Discussion ensued regarding feedback received, interest in pursuing the Mayor/Council/CAO form of government (FOG), the Subcommittee's final report to the Charter Review Committee, and the responsibilities of the Drafting Subcommittee to try to reconcile the recommendations from the all the Subcommittees. Committee Member Brackett requested removing the final bullet point from the slide entitled Vision and Strategic Thinking. Chair Miller then inquired feedback regarding whether disagreements were handled respectfully and effectively.

Chair Miller asked Subcommittee members to provide him with any specific language they would propose in the PowerPoint, should it be used again; he then noted he will work on removing any advocacy statements. He stated he would clarify whether the Charter Review Committee needs a more formal report from this group.

Committee Members Baarsma and Merritt arrived here, at 6:10 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding next steps for the FOG Subcommittee, the Drafting Subcommittee, and how the City would transition if the FOG is changed.

Preparation for Public Hearing

At approximately 6:14 p.m., Chair Miller stated there will be two public hearings: April 9, 2014 there will be a public hearing, at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers; and on April 17, 2014 there will be a Telephone Town Hall meeting, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers. He then discussed the topic of FOG and how the Subcommittee should prepare for the public hearings.

Committee Member Edmonds arrived here, at 6:15 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the public hearing on April 9, 2014, how information would be provided to citizens ahead of the public hearing, the role of the Charter Review Committee during the hearing, talking points for Committee members, and the purpose of the hearings.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Comments

Chair Miller stated he shared with Subcommittee members Terri Baker's comments on FOG.

Committee Member Merritt noted he has not received any emails since last Friday, due to server issues.

Adjournment

Committee Member Baarsma moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Messina. On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Ken Miller, Chair



Doris Sorum, City Clerk