



Charter Review

Human Resources Subcommittee Minutes

Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Room 12
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April 1, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: 6 - Baker, Horne, Martinez, Talton (arrived at 6:11 p.m.) and Ushka.

Committee Members Excused Absence: 1 - Hahn

Residency and Recruitment

At approximately 6:01 p.m., Chair Baker introduced the proposed recommended change regarding residency and recruitment. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Martinez motioned to move this recommendation forward. Committee Member Ushka seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

Charter Review Committee

At approximately 6:02 p.m., Committee Member Martinez reviewed the timing of the Charter Review Committee and suggested to review the Charter once every five years. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Talton arrived here, at 6:11 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding how often the Charter is reviewed.

Sale of Waterfront Property

At approximately 6:17 p.m., Chair Baker introduced section 9.1. There was a proposal to delete the section stating the City can never sell waterfront property. Discussion ensued. This Subcommittee requested for staff to provide information regarding City owned waterfront property.

Finalize: Neighborhood Councils, Gender Neutral, Landmark Preservation, Anti-Discriminatory, Civil Service Board

At approximately 6:22 p.m., Committee Member Talton introduced proposed recommended changes regarding Neighborhood Councils. Discussion ensued.

At approximately 6:34 p.m., Chair Baker introduced the proposed recommended changes regarding Gender Neutral changes in the Charter. Discussion ensued.



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At approximately 6:35 p.m., Chair Baker introduced the proposed addition of the Landmarks Preservation Commission to the Charter. Discussion ensued.

At approximately 6:44 p.m., Chair Baker introduced the proposed amendments to the Charter regarding anti-discriminatory language.

Committee Member Horne moved to forward the language regarding anti-discriminatory to the full committee. Committee Member Ushka seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

At approximately 6:46 p.m., Chair Baker introduced the request to amend section 9.4 of the Charter allowing cemeteries in the City of Tacoma. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Ushka moved the language amending section 9.4 forward to the full committee for consideration. Committee Member Martinez seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

At approximately 6:49 p.m., Chair Baker introduced the language regarding 6.11 if the Civil Service Board should be elected or appointed. Discussion ensued. No changes are going forward.

At approximately 6:50 p.m., Chair Baker introduced language adding intergovernmental language to the Charter, which is not currently in the City of Tacoma Charter. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Ushka moved to forward the language changes to the election items in sections 2.4 and 6.11 to the full committee. Committee Member Martinez seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Chair Baker discussed what would be finalized at the next meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Comments

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Terri Baker, Chair

Marisa Tetreault, Administrative Assistant, Public Works