



# Charter Review Committee Minutes

February 19, 2014

Chair Baarsma called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present: 15 Baker, Brackett, Edmonds, Farrell, Hahn, Horne (arrived at 7:45), Leighton, Martinez, Merritt (arrived at 7:18), Messina, Miller, Talton, Ushka, Van Dyk and Chair Baarsma.

Committee Members Excused Absence: 0

## **Approval of the February 12, 2014 Minutes**

Committee member Miller moved that the minutes of February 12, 2014 meeting be approved. Seconded by Committee member Ushka. Voice vote was taken and carried.

## **Testimony from Current City of Tacoma Councilmembers**

At approximately 7:08 p.m. Councilmembers Mello, Campbell and Walker individually addressed the committee with comments and responded to questions. Discussion ensued.

At approximately 8:16 p.m. Councilmembers Anders Ibsen, David Boe and Robert Thoms individually addressed the committee with comments and responded to questions. Discussion ensued.

## **Communication Protocols**

At approximately 9:17 p.m. Chair Baarsma reported the agenda subcommittee's suggestion to have a protocol for legal questions and suggested having John Messina act as a collector of questions to forward to legal staff, Martha Lantz. Chair Baarsma asked to look at the process the 2004 committee used.

## **Forming subcommittees**

At approximately 9:21 p.m. Chair Baarsma asked that members of the committee start to think about what subcommittees they wanted to serve on. The chair announced the subcommittees so far are form of government, legislative and administrative including what would an executive branch look like in a mayor/council form of government. He asked the group to also consider a subcommittee on public utilities and human resources to include civil service board and planning commission. Chair Baarsma suggested a committee to develop the set of criteria for decision-making and asked if Committee member Merritt would please chair the committee. The group was instructed to forward their interests in subcommittees to the charter review liaison which will then be forwarded to the chair. A convener would be appointed by the chair and then the subcommittee can chose a chair from the group. March will be focused on subcommittee work. An updated planning calendar will be made available to the charter review committee. The chair also recommended a study on the costs for executive staff in Tacoma verses Spokane.

## **Report on Communications**

None

## **Other Business/Unfinished Business**

None

## **Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Name**

**Address/Affiliation**

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**Committee Comments**

No committee comments

**Adjournment**

Committee Member Brackett moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Baker. On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Bill Baarsma, Chair

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