



# 2014 TACOMA CHARTER REVIEW

## A LOOK AT HOW YOUR CITY WORKS

Chair Bill Baarsma – Vice-Chair Catherine Ushka – Secretary Justin Leighton

Theresa Baker Gary Brackett Mabel Edmonds Tim Farrell Eric Hahn Dr. Charles Horne Mark Martinez Jim Merritt John Messina Kenneth Miller Patricia Talton Justin Van Dyk

February 10, 2014

Chair Baarsma called the special meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Committee Members Present: 12 Baker, Brackett, Edmonds, Farrell, Hahn, Leighton, Martinez, Merritt, Messina, Miller, Talton, Ushka, Van Dyk and Chair Baarsma.

Committee Members Excused Absence: 3 Martinez, Messina and Horne

### Approval of the February 5, 2014 Minutes

Chair Baarsma asked for a voice vote for the minutes of February 5, all committee members stated aye, none opposed the minutes carried.

### Public Hearing

At approximately 5:40 p.m., Chair Baarsma opened the public hearing.

Name	Address/Affiliation	
Denis Duggan	Historic Properties	Continuance of law of June 1953
Erik Bjornson	711 Court A, Tacoma, WA	Strong mayor system
Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow	League of Women Voters of Tacoma	Supports current form of government, district vs. at-large
Janis Clark	Veterans Tech Center	Did not choose to speak
John Ladenburg	7301 S. Alaska	Charter
Steve Kirby	9415 Tacoma Ave. S	Civil Service Board
Tom McCarthy	801 S Cushman Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405	Strong mayor/Utility board
Sarah Morken	809 N. Proctor St.	Minimum wage, paid sick leave, fossil fuel, transport/export, green public works program
Tom Hilyard	Tacoma	Tacoma Public Utility

At approximately 6:08 p.m. the public hearing was closed.

### Determine Items in the Charter that Do Not Require Review

At approximately 6:10 p.m., Chair Baarsma asked the committee to identify which items in the charter that would not need to be addressed in this charter review. Discussion ensued, Committee member Baker noted that there is no mention of intergovernmental relations and asked to consider language for Article One. Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 have sections to be discussed. Article 8 is set aside. Discussion ensued regarding how Articles and Sections not being considered are to be treated. Article 9 is set aside but for 9.7 Gender-Neutrality Language. To be reviewed are the Preamble, Article 1, Section 1.1, Article 2, Article 3, Article 4, Article 5 and Article 6. To be set aside Article 7, Article 8 and Article 9 except for Section 9.7 and Article 10 is set aside unless it is determined language needs to be addressed.

### Other Business/Unfinished Business

None

### Public Comment

Harold Moss	Tacoma	Regarding gender neutral language
Denis Duggan	Tacoma	Grandfathering historic buildings

**Committee Comments**

At approximately 6:35 p.m. Secretary Leighton asked the committee to contact him with ideas for the communication plan.

**Adjournment**

Committee Member Hahn moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Farrell. On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Bill Baarsma, Chair

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Jeanne Harris, Charter Review Liaison

