



**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**1000 San Pablo Avenue
Conference Room
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007**

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Martin called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Members Berul, Grossman, Mathiasen, Rubin & Vice-Chair Martin
Absent: Member Holan; Chair Wallace (excused)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Minutes, May 22, 2007.

MOTION:

Moved by Member Mathiasen, seconded by Member Berul to approve the minutes as submitted.

AYES: Members Berul, Grossman, Mathiasen & Vice-Chair Marin

NOES: None ABSTAIN: Member Rubin

ABSENT: Member Holan and Chair Wallace

Motion carried and so ordered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

Vice-Chair Martin asked if anyone would like to speak and there being none public comment was closed.

5. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

5-1. Election of Mayor, Section 2.01 of the City Charter.

Vice-Chair Martin stated that she would like clarification from the City Council on what they would like from the Committee. Vice-Chair Martin commented that she would like to provide the Council with ballot language immediately and then have time to go over the pros/cons.

Member Rubin stated that she did not agree with this asking how could the Committee provide language if they haven't explored the entire issue thoroughly.

The City Administrator was introduced who handed out the following material: From the League of California Cities, a listing of all cities by population with a directly elected Mayor; List of Albany Mayors from 1980 – present; An excerpt from Council minutes regarding amendment to City policy regarding reorganization of Council; City's reorganization policy; Powers & duties of elected Mayors from various cities in Alameda County; Responses from other cities with a directly elected Mayor.

The City Administrator also suggested that the Committee invite a former elected Mayor and a City Manager who has worked under that type of government and noted some names: Mr. Young, San Leandro Mayor for 12 years; Gus Morrison, Fremont Mayor for 20 years, Jim Keane, former Berkeley City Manager and Linda Barton, former Livermore City Manager

The City Administrator noted that she has no personal opinion on this matter and is providing information to the Charter Review Committee, as requested.

The Committee discussed this issue in length and a summary of the comments is as follows: Invite a Mayor from a smaller City similar to Albany and St. Helena was mentioned. The Committee asked that the City Administrator contact the Mayor of St. Helena and set up a telephone call conference or have their comments sent in a letter; the differences between big and small cities and the regional appointments; suggested that former Albany Mayors be invited to speak on this subject; what is the role of a City Council Member with a directly elected Mayor; Mayor's working relationship with the Council; what are the risks of having a directly elected Mayor. It was suggested that cities up to 25,000 population be considered. Asked that the Mayor's Conference list of regional appointments be available to the Committee and asked that a Council Member who has worked with an elected Mayor be invited to the meeting.

The Committee asked the City Administrator to invite an elected Mayor and a City Manager who has worked with an elected Mayor to the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Martin again reiterated her concern about running out of time and that the Committee needs clarification, e.g. time frame and what the Council expects from the Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by Member Rubin, seconded by Member Mathiasen to refer Item 5-2 & 5-3 to the next agenda.

AYES: Members Berul, Grossman, Mathiasen, Rubin & Vice-Chair Martin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Member Holan & Chair Wallace

Motion carried and so ordered.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

6-1. It was announced that the Committee would be on recess for the month of August and would reconvene their next meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

8:15 p.m. – There being no further business before the Committee it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

SALLY MARTIN
VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK