



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Monday, March 26, 2018 – 7:30-9:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lindsay at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Baty, Jordan, Lindsay, Radics-Johnson, Schneider
Members Absent: none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. February 26, 2018 Minutes

Moved by Baty, seconded by Schneider to approve Minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

6-1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee shall select one member to serve as Chair and one member to serve as Vice Chair for 2018.

Moved by Baty and Lindsay and approved unanimously to select Jordan as Chair and Schneider as Vice Chair.

6-2. Report back from the City Council Meeting presentation on Ranked Choice Voting At-Large

Receive information regarding Council's discussion and direction (Jordan)

Council directed staff and the Charter Review Committee to obtain cost estimates for an analysis to determine if voting in Albany is polarized in a manner prohibited by the California Voting Rights Act. There was a Council substitute motion which failed to direct Charter Review to draft language for a ballot measure for Ranked Choice Voting at-large.

6-3. Cost Estimate for Analysis to Determine if Voting in Albany is Polarized in a Manner Prohibited by California Voting Rights Act

Discuss possible methods to obtain cost estimates as per Council's direction

Move by Member Schneider, seconded by Member Baty, and unanimously approved that Chair Jordan will work with City Clerk Hsu to submit cost estimate obtained to City Council by email and asked if the workplan should be amended for the Committee to begin working on the two questions of 1. if Albany is geographically homogenous, and 2. if there is data showing whether District voting cities of comparable size would have more candidates running for office.

6-4. Changes to Allowed Age Limit for Voting

Receive information regarding a possible change to the age limit for voting, determine whether a subcommittee should be developed to conduct additional research on this item (Radics-Johnson)

Member Radics-Johnson reported that several cities have recently approved youth voting. Member Lindsay moved, Chair Jordan seconded with friendly amendment, and approved unanimously that City Clerk Hsu will check for best approach to notify the Board of Education that this matter is being studied by the Committee.

6-5. Enhanced Election Result Data

Discuss desired election result data including cast selection record reporting to determine drop off rate for all local elections; determine whether a subcommittee should be developed to work on this matter further, and/or next steps (Jordan)

Due to time at 9PM, this item will be postponed to a future date when report is available from the League.

6-6. Determine Next Meeting Date

Regularly scheduled meeting date would have fallen on May 28, 2018, which is Memorial Holiday

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- City Treasurer position

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: March 26, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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