



**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Community Center, EOC Room
1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
Monday, June 22, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members: Baty, Grossman, Holan,* Outis & Vice-Chair Jordan
Absent: Committee Members: Bailes & Chair Wallace.
*Committee Member Holan arrived at 7:20 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. April 27, 2009.

MOTION:

Moved by Committee Member Grossman, seconded by Committee Member Outis to approve the minutes, as submitted.

AYES: Committee Members: Baty, Grossman, Outis & Vice-Chair Jordan

NOES: None ABSENT: Committee Members Bailes, Holan & Chair Wallace

Motion carried and so ordered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Member Jordan stated that he attended the California Constitutional Amendment Movement Conference in Sacramento.

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

5-1. Time Limit for Meetings

Vice-Chair Jordan stated that this item was discussed at a previous meeting and the Committee would like to have an ending time approved.

MOTION:

Moved by Committee Member Grossman, seconded by Committee Member Outis to set the end time of the meetings at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried and so ordered.

5-2. Goal and Priority Setting

The Committee discussed the following items to be set in priority order: a) City Council and School Board election methods; b) Election of City Attorney; c) Election of City Treasurer; d) Institutional knowledge regarding potential problems in the Charter.

The Committee discussed each one of the items and it was noted that regarding the City Treasurer position there should also be discussion on whether there is a need to have a City Treasurer. At this point, the City Clerk stated that she

would like to inform the Committee of the work the City Treasurer does. The Committee would like to have the City Administrator, the Finance Director and the City Treasurer invited to its next meeting to discuss this issue.

It was noted that the Committee had already taken a position on the elected v. appointed City Attorney and asked the City Clerk to provide the history of what has taken place.

Vice-Chair Jordan gave a summary on choice voting and spoke about the Voting Rights Act and stated that he believes the current system does not provide equal representation and that some groups of citizens do not get representation.

Committee Member Grossman stated that this is a complex issue and there should be an educational outreach to the citizens and that the Committee should ask Council if they have any interest in this subject being pursued.

Vice-Chair Jordan asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on these items. Paul stated that he moved to Albany in last August and was excited to see that the City was a Charter City and had control over its election method. He went on to explain that when he lived in Davis this item was being discussed and the Council put an advisory measure on the ballot, which passed.

MOTION:

Moved by Committee Member Jordan, seconded by Committee Member Grossman to approve the following work plan: Elected City Treasurer: Starting next meeting. Elected City Attorney: Consideration of past Committee work next meeting, but to start new work in the fall. Charter issue documentation: at the end of the current Committee's term, October through December, 2010. City Council and School Board electoral method: in parallel to the other items.

AYES: Committee Members Baty, Grossman, Holan, Outis & Vice-Chair Jordan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Committee Members Bailes & Chair Wallace

Motion carried and so ordered.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Vice-Chair Jordan announced that he would contact Chair Wallace about inviting the City Administrator, the Finance Director and the City Treasurer to the July meeting to discuss the City Treasurer position and to also invite the City Attorney to a future meeting to discuss the Attorney position.

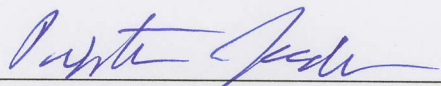
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7-1. City Treasurer position.

7-2. City Council and School Board electoral method.

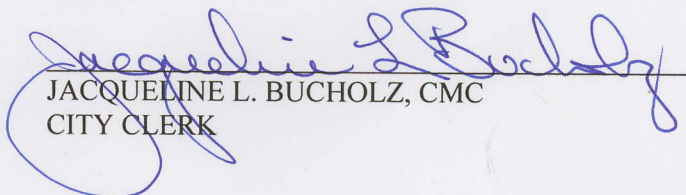
8. ADJOURNMENT

8:30 pm –There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Minutes submitted by Michael Wallace.

 Vice Chair

MICHAEL WALLACE
CHAIR

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK