



# **Charter Review Commission**

## **City of San José**

### **MINUTES**

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**5:30 PM**

**Monday, September 20, 2021**

Present: Chair- Frederick Ferrer; Members- Barbara Marshman (5:56 p.m.), Christina Johnson, Elizabeth Monley, Elly Matsumura, Enrico Callender, Frank Maitski, Garrick Percival, George Sanchez (6:13 p.m.), Huy Tran (5:40 p.m.), Jeremy Barousse, Jose Posadas, Lan Diep (6:15 p.m.), Linda LeZotte, Louis Barocio, Magnolia Segol, Maria Fuentes, Sammy Robledo, Sherry Segura, Thi Tran (5:50 p.m.), Tobin Gilman, Veronica Amador (5:53 p.m.), Yong Zhao

Absent: None

Staff: Lawrence Grodeska, Consultant; Megan Roche, Legislative Secretary; Toni J. Taber, City Clerk; Mark Vanni, Senior Deputy City Attorney

#### **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

#### **II. Public Record- N/A**

#### **III. Consent Calendar**

##### **a) Receive and File Letters from the Public.**

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Barousse and seconded by Commissioner Monley, the Commission moved to receive and file the letters from the public. (16-0-5-1; Absent: Amador, Diep, Marshman, Sanchez, T. Tran; Abstentions: H. Tran)

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman and Tessa Woodmansee.

#### **IV. Reports & Information- N/A**

#### **V. Public Hearing**

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **a) Governance Structure Subcommittee Recommendations.**

The Governance Structure subcommittee presented each of their four draft

recommendations separately. Commissioners asked questions and discussed the recommendations.

### **Draft Recommendation #1: Future Charter Review Commissions**

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman, Roland, Ellina, and Tessa Woodmansee.

### **Draft Recommendation #2: Adding Council Districts**

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Tessa Woodmansee and Blair Beekman.

### **Draft Recommendation #3: Expansion of Mayoral Powers**

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Roland, Blair Beekman, Ellina, and Paul Soto.

### **Draft Recommendation #4: Emergency Powers of the Mayor**

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Robert Brownstein, Tessa Woodmansee, Paul Soto, Roland, Blair Beekman, Ellina, and Lou Dimes.

#### **b) Subcommittee Reports.**

Commissioner Barocio clarified that the topic of climate change would be addressed by the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion subcommittee. Commissioner Fuentes described an additional incomplete recommendation regarding budget and equity and inquired how coordination with the PMLAI subcommittee would be possible under the Brown Act. It was requested that the City Clerk provide clarity at the next meeting on the extent of acceptable communication and collaboration between the Redistricting Commission and Charter Review Commission.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman and Ellina.

## **VII. Old Business**

- 1. Discussion and possible action on Charter Review Commission Work Plan.**
  - a) Report from Chair**
  - b) Report from Clerk**

The City Clerk noted that AB361 was signed by the Governor, which enables the Commission to continue holding fully virtual meetings.

### **c) Report from Consultant**

Consultant Lawrence Grodeska noted new revisions to the Commission's Work Plan and upcoming schedule. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Roland and Blair Beekman.

### **2. Discussion on Bylaws.**

Senior Deputy City Attorney Mark Vanni reviewed his memo dated July 30, 2021 and the draft of potential bylaws for the Commission. Discussion with Commissioners followed.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner H. Tran and seconded by Commissioner Callender, the Commission moved to adopt the bylaws drafted by Senior Deputy City Attorney Vanni. (19-0-3; Absent: Barousse, Fuentes, Segura)

Public Comment: The following member of the public provided comments: Blair Beekman.

### **VIII. Public Comment/Open Forum**

1. Blair Beekman discussed strong mayor ideas with relation to ACLU surveillance and technology ideas and the powers of City Council.
2. Roland suggested adopting the London model of Council representation in order to increase accountability to constituents.

### **IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2021, a public hearing on governance structure recommendations.

### **X. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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