



City of Tacoma

Charter Review Committee Minutes

January 25, 2024

5:30 p.m.

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 243

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 857 9094 1184

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/85790941184

Call to Order

Chair Wamback called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 13 – Katie Baird, Nicholas Carr, Maricres Castro, Silong Chhun, Patrick Fischer, Jason Gauthier, Andres Jimenez, Latasha Palmer, Andrea Reay, Rebecca Stith, Stephen Wamback, Diamatris Winston, and Lok Yin Wu

Absent: 2 – Bryan Flint and Melissa Malott

Committee Members Chhun, Jimenez, and Palmer attended virtually.

Welcome

Chair Wamback welcomed everyone attending in person and virtually to tonight's meeting. With no other items on deck, he moved on to the public comment portion of the agenda.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Chair Wamback suggested adding the Public Comment section permanently on every meeting agenda; the Charter Review Committee (CRC) agreed by common consensus.

Charter Review Committee Requests Discussion

At approximately 5:40 p.m., Palmer presented her Charter priorities.

Charter Review Committee Discussion of Council and City Staff Requests

At approximately 5:57 p.m., Sonja Hallum, Executive Liaison, presented a brief overview of how she incorporated the City Council's recommendations and Committee Member priorities into one document, and that City staff's suggestions for Committee Members to consider were listed on a separate sheet.

Chair Wamback then opened the floor for discussion of these documents and encouraged Committee Members to make their comments, suggestions, and thoughts as they all go through the documents together.

Timeline Discussion

At approximately 6:20 p.m., Chair Wamback started the timeline conversation by proposing the formation of a subcommittees. The Committee of the Whole will include all 15 members of CRC and will tackle large items on the Committee's priority list, such as form of government, City Council issues, and Tacoma Public Utilities.

MOTION: Carr moved to adopt the formation of the Committee of the Whole.

SECONDED BY: Reay.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted by unanimous consent.

Discussion ensued on how the Chair envisioned additional subcommittee formation and preparations involved in planning public outreach events.

MOTION: Castro moved to adopt the formation of the Public Outreach Subcommittee.

SECONDED BY: Stith.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted by unanimous consent.

Public Outreach Subcommittee members were identified as Castro, Chhun, Palmer, Reay, and Wu. This subcommittee will handle the creation of an outreach template or document for Committee distribution.

Break

The meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Timeline Discussion (Continued)

At approximately 7:30 p.m., discussion continued regarding the timeline for Charter Review. Chair Wamback introduced the idea of bringing in guest speakers and asked the Committee for suggestions of who they would like to hear from.

Discussion ensued regarding extending invitations to guest speakers, issues regarding neutrality if current or former Pierce County officials were to be invited as speakers, and a desire for Committee Members to hear from a variety of subject matter experts. Consensus of the Committee Members was to not invite current or former City of Tacoma and Pierce County officials.

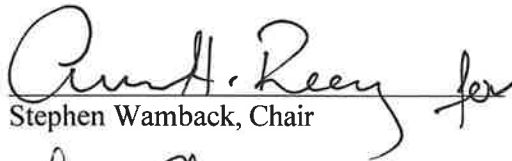
Meeting Format Discussion

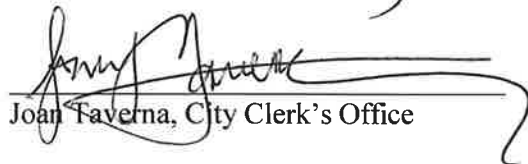
At approximately 8:28 p.m., discussion ensued regarding the virtual meeting format, and consensus was that all Committee Members would attend Monday meetings virtually.

Chair Wamback stated the homework assignment is for the Committee Members to consider volunteering to serve as Committee Chair for the February 12 and 15, 2024, meetings, when he will not be available.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


Stephen Wamback, Chair


Joan Taverna, City Clerk's Office