



City of Tacoma

Charter Review Committee Minutes

February 22, 2024

5:30 p.m.

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 243

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 915 2560 1849

Webinar Link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/91525601849>

Call to Order

Chair Wamback called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 11 – Katie Baird, Nicholas Carr, Maricres Castro, Patrick Fischer, Jason Gauthier, Andre Jimenez, Melissa Malott, Latasha Palmer, Andrea Reay, Stephen Wamback, and Lok Yin Wu

Absent: 4 – Silong Chhun (excused), Bryan Flint (excused), Rebecca Stith, and Diamatris Winston

Committee Member Winston arrived at 5:41 p.m., and Committee Member Stith arrived at 5:49 p.m.

Committee Members Jimenez, Palmer, and Stith attended virtually. Committee Member Castro initially attended virtually, and arrived in-person at 6:22 p.m.

Welcome

At approximately 5:33 p.m., Chair Wamback welcomed the Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the February 1, 2024, meeting, by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

CRC Discussion – Public Meeting

At approximately 5:34 p.m., Chair Wamback led the discussion on subcommittee formation and meeting format. Discussion ensued on the current CRC Charter language that conflicts with the earlier subcommittee formation and meeting format. The Committee discussed options on how the subcommittees formed during the prior meeting and a meeting format that can align with the current language of CRC's Charter.

Committee Member Winston arrived here, at 5:41 p.m.

The Committee continued with their discussion on subcommittees, formation of informal discussion groups, and perception if the CRC's Charter is amended.

Committee Member Stith arrived here, at 5:49 p.m.

Committee Members proposed possible alternatives to re-align the Committee's work to the CRC's Charter, including homework groups, reducing the number of subcommittees, and getting feedback as the Committee as a Whole.

MOTION: Malott moved to adopt the subcommittees already formed and to postpone any future subcommittee meetings until working groups are formed and homework assignments are discussed.

Committee Members continued to discuss potential solutions and alternatives. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chair Wamback requested alternative suggestions from the Committee.

MOTION: Baird moved to amend the Charter Review Committee Charter by deleting the last sentence on page 2, Section 3.c, and page 4, Section 4.d, by inserting the word "FULL" between the word "the" and "CRC", and on page 4, Section 4.h., by inserting the word "FULL" between the word "the" and "CRC".

SECONDED BY: Malott.

Discussion continued regarding changing the CRC Charter, transparency, and public record requirements.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and passed. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 – Baird, Castro, Fischer, Jimenez, Malott, Palmer, Stith, and Winston

Nays: 3 – Carr, Gauthier, Reay

Abstain: 2 – Wamback, Wu

Absent: 2 – Chhun, Flint

MOTION: Carr moved to adopt the formation of five subcommittees: Public Utilities, Power of the People, Administration, Police Accountability, and Miscellaneous.

SECONDED BY: Baird.

ACTION: The motion was declared adopted by unanimous consent.

At approximately 6:41 p.m., Chair Wamback started the discussion on the extended public comment period scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024, including briefing the Committee on possible timing, logistics, and opening remarks to set the stage for the public on CRC's work. Chair Wamback further asked for volunteers from each of the five subcommittees to talk about the work done thus far. Malott volunteered to present on the City Council discussion and Chair Wamback will present the form of government discussion. Carr will present for the Administration Subcommittee, Flint for the Tacoma Public Utilities Subcommittee, Castro for the Power of the People Subcommittee, Palmer for the Police Accountability Subcommittee, and Baird for the Miscellaneous Subcommittee.

Discussion continued regarding logistical and process questions for Monday's extended public comment event.

Break

The meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

CRC Discussion and Recommendations

Form of Government and Council/Mayor Issues

At approximately 7:14 p.m., Chair Wamback introduced the discussion of form of government. Reay provided a summary on topics discussed and majority opinions from the Committee, from the two prior meetings. Chair Wamback requested clarification on whether a consensus was reached to make a recommendation on the topic now, or if further discussions are required on the issue.

Committee Members discussed their current opinions on the topic of form of government, and how their opinions evolved as the group continued to have productive discussions on the topic.

Chair Wamback solicited a recommendation from the Committee on how they would like to proceed on the conversation on form of government and Council and Mayor issues discussion. Discussion ensued regarding whether to move forward with a recommendation at this time, continuing discussions on form of government, and items related to Council and Mayor.

Other Business and Homework

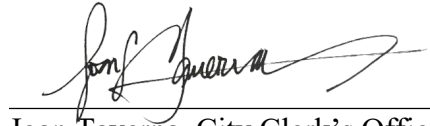
At approximately 8:12 p.m., Chair Wamback discussed the topics assigned to each of the subcommittees, when each subcommittee is planning to meet, and a request that if any of the subcommittees reach an impasse, to come and consult the Committee as a Whole.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Stephen Wamback, Chair



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