

Charter Review Commission Meeting Monday, July 20, 2009 Civic Center Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 5:30 p.m.

Members:

Rita Brohman, Rex Clark, Paul Frank, Janice Hanson, Rick Hoem,

Cathy Macaulay, Aldo Pineschi, and James Viele

Staff:

City Attorney Brita Bayless, City Clerk Sonia Orozco, Deputy City

Manager Julia Burrows, Assistant City Clerk Audrey Byrnes

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes June 15, 2009
- 3. Public Comments (On Items Not Appearing on the Agenda)
- 4. Accept Resignation of Commissioner Valerie Hoff (Relocated/New Employment)
- 5. Old Business/Follow-up:

Article IV. – Procedure of the City Council Article V. – Legislation

6. New Business:

Article VI. – Elections

7. Comments/Members/Public

PLEASE NOTE: Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda or on Any Matters Requiring Committee Discussion or Action Will Be Listed on a Future Agenda

8. Adjournment – Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2009



Minutes Charter Review Commission Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2009 Civic Center Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Members Present

Paul Frank Janice Hanson

Rex Clark Aldo Pineschi Rita Brohman

Cathy Macaulay (left meeting at 6:10 p.m.)

James Viele Rick Hoem

Valerie Hoff

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2009 with amendments as requested by Vice-Chair Brohman (Number 4 – Follow Up on Article II – Plan of Government/District Elections – Motion).

Moved by Brohman, seconded by Hoff

Vote: Motion carried 9-0

3. Public Comments

No public comment received.

4. Old Business/Follow-up

Article II – Plan of Government

a) Size of City Council

City Clerk Sonia Orozco referred to informational report provided which outlined a statewide comparison of cities with populations of approximately 200,000 residents and their respective number of Councilmembers.

b) Former Councilmember Richard Roccucci presented assessed time requirements necessary to be on Council. Roccucci reported he spent an average of 20 hours per week serving as a Councilmember and as a committee representative on the Regional Water Authority, the Northern California Power Agency and the South Placer Waste Management Authority boards, as well as a number of other committee assignments. Roccucci stated that some committees are more demanding time wise than others.

Staff Present

Brita Bayless, City Attorney Sonia Orozco, City Clerk Julia Burrows, Deputy City Manager Audrey Byrnes, Assistant City Clerk

Roccucci felt a seven (7) member Council would offer a perspective of more representation from various areas of the city. Discussion also occurred on reimbursement of Council expenses for mileage, phone stipends, and attendance of civic events.

Roccucci also stated he could see the difficulty of holding a full-time job and being able to serve as a Councilmember.

Current Mayor Gina Garbolino correspondence on time commitments of Councilmembers was read by City Clerk Orozco.

Commission discussion.

Jack Wallace – Spoke in favor of the Berkley model regarding size of Council, and requested that businesses owners and developers not be allowed to donate to local campaigns.

Committee members stated that if an increase in membership was warranted prior to the next Charter Review process in ten (10) years, the Council can request an increase to Council membership be placed on the ballot, or a citizen's initiative can be circulated in order to place the question on the ballot.

Members also felt that at the present time there was no compelling reason to increase the size of the City Council.

Motion to retain the current model of a five (5) member Roseville City Council with the option to revisit the proposal/recommendation in the future if a strong community sentiment is shown regarding the size of the membership.

Moved by Viele, seconded by Brohman

Vote: Motion carried (9-0)

Article III - Provisions Regarding Officers and Employees

a) Council Seat Vacancy

City Clerk Sonia Orozco referred to informational report provided which outlined the Roseville appointment process for Council vacancies and subsequent election results for the last twenty years.

Commission discussion.

Jack Wallace – Spoke regarding campaign funding and in opposition to Council ability to appoint a new member based on an application/interview process.

Richard Roccucci – Requested first runner up in previous election be appointed if a vacancy occurs mainly due to efforts exhibited to run for office.

Trends and discussion on holding a special election and the problems created if the first runner up in the previous election declines the appointment followed. Questions included the following topics:

- Should the first runner be appointed and should a percentage of the popular vote be considered; setting a benchmark for the amount of votes received in order to qualify for the appointment
- Should the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th runner-up be considered for the appointment if the 1st runner-up declines or is unable to serve
- How does the Council address or placate the candidates who feel disenfranchised that an individual is appointed who did not run in the last election

Motion to retain current process of Section 3.09 regarding a Council Seat Vacancy which states the provisions of Section 1770 of the Government Code of the State of California as they now exist or may hereafter be amended shall govern the existence of a vacancy. Any vacancy on the council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining councilmen within thirty days after the vacancy occurs. If the council fails, for any reason, to fill such vacancy within said thirty-day period, it shall forthwith call an election for the earliest possible date to fill such vacancy.

Moved by Pineschi, seconded by Hoem

Vote: Motion carried (9-0)

b) Mayor Vacancy

Commission discussion.

Richard Roccucci – Spoke on his perception of the politics involved with mayor appointment process when a vacancy or resignation occurs.

Jack Wallace – Requested the committee "take the politics out of politics" and recommended following the process of seating the next highest vote getter in the previous municipal election.

Motion that in the event a Mayor vacancy occurs, the person receiving the second highest votes at the previous municipal election, provided election was held at least 18 months prior shall be seated as Mayor until the next Municipal Election when the Mayor Pro Tempore shall assume the Mayor's position. In the event the second highest vote getter declines, then the Council shall select a Mayor by from its membership.

Moved by Brohman, seconded by Viele

Vote: Motion carried (8-0) (Macaulay absent)

c) Appointed Person Standing for Re-Election – Elected Term

City Attorney Brita Bayless requested clarification on committee's direction regardomg if an appointed partial term on the City Council should serve as one (1) of the two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.

Commission discussion.

No public comment received.

Motion that a partial term served due to appointment does not count as one of the two (2) consecutive four (4) four year terms.

Moved by Hoff, seconded by Viele

Vote: Motion carried (8-0) (Macaulay absent)

d) Council Salary

City Clerk Sonia Orozco referred to informational report provided which outlined City Council compensation comparison for Mayor/Council for cities of approximately 200,000 residents.

Commission discussion.

Jack Wallace – Spoke on Planning Commissioner experience with no compensation and stated compensation should not be a factor of holding the position.

A number of Committee members were not in favor of a pay increase stating the position is not about the salary, it is about serving the people. A few members summarized the perceived expense of serving as a Councilmember, and suggested a minimal increase be considered. The status of the current economy was also discussed and members understood the factor of increasing compensation would be a sensitive topic to those currently out of work.

Motion to not amend 3.05 of the Charter leaving Council pay as established.

Moved by Brohman, seconded by Hoff

Vote: Motion carried (8-0) (Macaulay absent)

5. New Business

Article IV – Procedure of the City Council Article V – Legislation

Committee consensus that New Business be carried over to the next meeting.

6. Comments/Members/Public

No public comment received.

7. Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next Charter Review Commission meeting will be held on Monday July 20, 2009.

Moved by Brohman, seconded by Hoff.

All Ayes

APPROVED DATE: July 20, 2009		
Rex Clark, Chairman		
ATTEST:		
Audrey Byrnes, Assistant City Clerk		

VALERIE HOFF

June 15, 2009

Sonia Orozco City of Roseville 311 Vernon Street Roseville, CA 95678

RE: Position on Charter Review Commission

Dear Sonia,

It is with great regret that I have to turn in my resignation for the Charter Review Commission. I have recently been laid off from my current employer and have sought another position which will take me out of the area for a six month period of time.

My last meeting will be Monday July 20. I do apologize for the inconvenience and disturbance this will create in the process.

Best regards,

Valerie Hoff

CC: Brita Bayless, City Attorney