

**CARSON CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
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A regular meeting of the Carson City Charter Review Committee was held on Wednesday, May 26, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Jim Cavilia  
Vice Chairperson Shelly Aldean  
Blair Allen  
Donna Kuester  
Dick Murray  
Paul Webster  
Lucille Zuend

**STAFF:** Melanie Bruketta, Deputy District Attorney  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(CHT 5/26/98 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Cavilia. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson Cavilia called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Members Burau, Jackson, Pickett and Robison were absent.

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 29, 1998** - Member Webster said he had been present at that meeting but the Minutes did not reflect it. Member Murray moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Vice Chairperson Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3-0.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CARSON CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE DIVISION OF THE CITY INTO FIVE WARDS, ELIMINATING THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, AND DISTRIBUTING AUTHORITY EVENLY AMONG THE FIVE ELECTED SUPERVISORS WITH A CHAIRMANSHIP TERM OF ONE YEAR** - (1-0029.5) Chairperson Cavilia said Minutes of a 1996 Board of Supervisors meeting indicated that the Board had considered and denied approval of a recommendation by the Committee on this subject. Vice Chairperson Aldean asked for clarification as to why they did not approve it. Chairperson Cavilia said it was his recollection that the Board felt they had considered this previously and it had not gone anywhere. Therefore, they did not have an appetite for it again. He added in light of that they had presented the issue as a recommendation by the Committee that the Charter be amended to provide for the primary election of the Supervisors by ward and that it should be an advisory ballot question. Member Webster said Clerk-Recorder Alan Glover had commented on how expensive it would be to get it on the ballot and also that it gets denied by the Board each time. Vice Chairperson Aldean referred to the July 18, 1996 Board Minutes where Supervisor Smith had indicated his intent to bring the subject back for the Board's consideration and suggested approaching him. Chairperson Cavilia said he did not know if this had ever been re-considered. Member Kuester said she had recently talked to him about this and he had said there was basically no appetite for it. However, Vice Chairperson Aldean said she would like to contact Supervisor Smith and discuss it with him. Discussion ensued and Chairperson Cavilia suggested it could be agendized at the next meeting as "Discussion and Possible Action on a Proposed Amendment to the Carson City Charter Regarding the Nomination of Supervisors by Ward in the Primary Election". No formal action was taken.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CARSON CITY CHARTER ON THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR** - (1-0195.5) Chairperson Cavilia said at the July 18, 1996 meeting the Board had discussed this and did not approve it at former Mayor Teixeira's request. Vice Chairperson Aldean said this is a recommendation by Supervisor Jon Plank who felt that this was valid given the responsibilities of the Mayor. Discussion ensued on the salary of the Mayor and Chairperson Cavilia said in

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1996 the Committee had recommended he get paid thirty percent more than the others. Member Kuester expressed her belief that this should be considered again. Vice Chairperson Aldean moved that the Committee resubmit this issue to the Board of Supervisors as previously proposed. Member Murray seconded the motion. Chairperson Cavilia suggested that the motion be "I move to adopt a resolution recommending an amendment to the Charter to provide for a thirty percent increase additional pay for the Mayor". The motion was amended by Vice Chairperson Aldean and Member Kuester continued her second. Motion carried 7-0-3-0.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CARSON CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CITY ELECTED OFFICERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM HAVING OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** - (1-0359.5) Vice Chairperson Aldean said Sparks is the only other community where there is a similar prohibition. She felt in order to avoid a conflict of interest when a candidate files perhaps they should go through a process to determine this. Member Kuester said it was her understanding that the candidates need to sign a statement to this effect when they file. Ms. Bruketta said NRS has a section relating to this. Discussion ensued on what is required by NRS and what the definition of "conflict of interest" is. Member Murray then moved that sub-sections 3.030-3, 3.045-3, 3.050-3, 3.060-4, 3.070-5 be amended adding the statement at the end of each section "that creates a conflict of interest". Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3-0. Ms. Bruketta then said under NRS the District Attorney is not allowed to have another job under state law. More discussion ensued and Member Murray moved to rescind his motion for the purpose of clarification. Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3-0. They continued the discussion on how they would like the wording to be. Member Murray moved that the City Charters, sub-sections 3.030-3, 3.045-3, 3.050-3 and 3.060-4 be amended to include the language at the end of each section "that creates a conflict of interest" Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3-0.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CARSON CITY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE** - (1-0653.5) The citizen who asked that this be on the agenda was not present. Therefore, Chairperson Cavilia continued this item to the next meeting.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO THE CARSON CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS, COMPENSATION, DUTIES, AND REMOVAL** - (1-0715.5) Vice Chairperson Aldean said the mandate on this is included in the Sparks charter. After discussion Vice Chairperson Aldean moved that the language from the current resolution be incorporated as a separate section in the Charter. She explained this basically enables the Committee to review Charter every two years. Member Murray seconded the motion. Chairperson Cavilia suggested perhaps for clarity purposes that the District Attorney's office prepare an actual resolution and bring it to the next meeting so that the Committee can vote on it at that time rather than at this meeting. Vice Chairperson Aldean withdrew her motion and Member Murray accepted the withdrawal. Chairperson Cavilia directed that this be on the next agenda.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL(S) TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON FINAL DOCUMENT(S) TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND LEGISLATURE** - (1-0823.5) Continued pending additional Committee action.

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - (1-0825.5) The next meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**11. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** - None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business Member Kuester moved to adjourn. Member Webster seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3-0. Chairperson Cavilia adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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Jim Cavilia, Chairperson