

CARSON CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Charter Review Committee was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Shelly Aldean
Vice Chairperson Donna DePauw
Dave Cook
Pat Jackson
Gail Parsons
Vivian Pickett
Richard Reich
Jeanne Simons
Steve Suwe
John Vettel

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Aldean. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ANNUAL SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS, ROLL CALL (1-0001) - Chairperson Aldean called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. At her request, the Committee members introduced themselves. A quorum was present, Member Adler was absent.

B. ORIENTATION - Deferred.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0089) - None.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SELECT CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON (1-0093) - Member Cook nominated Shelly Aldean as Chairperson. Member Jackson seconded the nomination. Member Vettel moved to close nominations. Nomination carried 10-0. Chairperson Aldean called for nominations for Vice Chairperson, and moved to nominate Donna DePauw. Member Jackson seconded the motion. Member Vettel moved to close nominations. Nomination carried 10-0.

E. DISCUSSION REGARDING RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE 2000 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE (1-0123) - Chairperson Aldean referred to the summary of resolutions included in the agenda materials. At the request of Member Simons, she provided background information on 2000-CRCR-3. Member Parsons referred to the position paper distributed by Clerk-Recorder Alan Glover during the 2000 Charter Review Committee meetings, and Chairperson Aldean provided an overview of the same. She advised that the intent of the Committee was to amend the charter to provide for ward level nomination of supervisors during the primary election and a city-wide general election. She responded to questions regarding the ward level nomination process and consensus of the 2000 Committee with regard to the issue.

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Member Reich suggested inviting Supervisors on both sides of the issue to explain their positions. Discussion took place regarding concerns expressed by Mr. Glover regarding the required investment in new voting equipment. Member Parsons displayed Mr. Glover's memo and provided an overview of the same. Vice Chairperson DePauw suggested inviting Mr. Glover to the next meeting to review fiscal and other impacts involved in resubmitting the proposed amendment to the Board of Supervisors.

Member Simons requested information on the Board of Supervisors' vote, and Chairperson Aldean reviewed a newspaper article on the subject including comments by former Supervisor Kay Bennett and Supervisor Jon Plank. Member Jackson concurred with an earlier suggestion to invite Supervisors on both sides of the issue to address the Committee at the next meeting. Vice Chairperson DePauw offered to invite Supervisor Livermore and Chairperson Aldean offered to invite Supervisor Williamson.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0402) - Chairperson Aldean entertained suggestions from the Committee members. She reviewed a May 4, 2000 memo from Deputy District Attorney Neil Rombardo regarding proper wording for agenda items. She suggested agendizing a recommendation to amend the Charter to require advisory board appointees to participate in a City-sponsored orientation of Nevada Open Meeting law requirements and other legal and ethical considerations. She distributed proposed wording for the agenda item to the Committee members and staff.

In response to a question, the Committee members indicated no conflict with attending the May 28, 2002 meeting. Member Vettel advised he would be absent for the April 23rd meeting. Chairperson Aldean encouraged the Committee members to talk to their neighbors, business associates, etc. regarding issues to be addressed by the Committee. She requested the Committee members to fax proposed agenda items to the recording secretary on or before April 11th.

G. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-0565) - Member Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Member Vettel seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

The Minutes of the March 26, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Charter Review Committee are so approved this _____ day of April, 2002.

SHELLY ALDEAN, Chair