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**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

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2635 Homestead Road  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Monday, July 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Tino Silva, Chair	Mary Hanna-Weir
	Keith Stattenfield, Vice Chair	Rex McIntosh
	Markus Bracamonte	Jodi Muirhead
	Saskia Feain	Beverly Silva
	Steve Lodge	Teresa Sulcer
	Hosam Haggag	

**Staff:** Brian Doyle, Interim City Attorney  
Rod Diridon Jr., City Clerk  
Raania Mohsen, Management Analyst (Staff Liaison)

**Matters for Council Action:** The Committee recommends that the Charter be changed as follows (including recommendation approved at June 26, 2017 meeting):

1. Elect City Council Members by two districts (e.g. District A and B) with three Council Members representing each district (approved at June 26, 2017 meeting);
2. Elect the three Council Members at the same time per district alternating/staggering between gubernatorial and presidential election years;
3. Utilize Ranked Choice Voting by means of Single Transferrable Vote as soon as the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office can support such a system; continue with the City's current voting method (plurality) until the County can support the new voting method.
4. Transition to include:
  - In 2018 elect two members to four-year terms in District A;
  - In 2020 elect one member to a two-year term in District A and three members to four-year terms in District B.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Tino Silva called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:05 pm.

2. **Public Presentations on any matter not on the agenda.**

Steve Chessin addressed Committee's proposed two 3-member council election districts. David Kadlecsek suggested switching the orders of Agenda items 4 and 5.

**3. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2017 Meeting**

**MOTION MADE BY HAGGAG AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR STATENFIELD TO APPROVE JUNE 26, 2017 MINUTES WITH AMENDMENT TO CORRECT COMMITTEE MEMBER NAME "WEIR" TO "HANNA-WEIR". MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0.**

Chair Silva announced goal of meeting is to complete recommendations to Council.

**4. Recommendation on Voting Method for Two 3-Member Districts.** Committee Members discussed the options of at-large, cumulative, and limited voting, which are feasible in 2018; and ranked choice voting (RCV) and single transferrable vote (STV), which are feasible in 2020, according to Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office. Members noted consideration of RCV and STV in order to increase the likelihood of minority representation on Council in the recommended two three-member districts.

**MOTION MADE BY HANNA-WEIR AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR STATENFIELD TO RECOMMEND ELECTION OF THE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF EACH DISTRICT AT THE SAME TIME.**

Members of the public Steve Chessin, Pedro Hernandez, Jennifer Pae, Jeremy Macaluso, and Gautam Barve provided comments on motion.

**MOTION AMENDED BY HANNA-WEIR AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR STATENFIELD TO INCLUDE THE OCCURRENCE OF EACH DISTRICT ELECTION TO ALTERNATE/STAGGER BETWEEN GUBERNATORIAL AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0.**

**MOTION MADE BY HAGGAG AND SECONDED BY MUIRHEAD TO RECOMMEND ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS UTILIZING RANKED CHOICE VOTING BY MEANS OF SINGLE TRANSFERRABLE VOTE AS SOON AS THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS IS ABLE TO SUPPORT SUCH A SYSTEM; UNTIL THAT TIME, CONTINUE ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS USING THE CURRENT PLURALITY METHOD OF VOTING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0.**

Interim City Attorney noted that staff will be reporting Committee's recommendation to Council on July 18, 2017.

**MOTION MADE BY CHAIR TINO SILVA AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR STATENFIELD TO EXTEND MEETING TO 9:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0.**

**5. Recommendation on Transition to Two 3-Member Districts.** Committee Members discussed options of transition to the recommended change in the election of City Council Members.

**MOTION MADE BY HAGGAG AND SECONDED BY BRACAMONTE FOR TRANSITION TO OCCUR AS FOLLOWS:**

- In 2018 elect two members to four-year terms in District A;

- **In 2020 elect one member to a two-year term in District A and three members to four-year terms in District B.**

Members of the public Steve Chessin, Pedro Hernandez, David Kadlecek provided comments on motion.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0.**

**6. Future Agenda Topics.** Committee suggested discussing election method of other City Elected Officials (Mayor, Clerk, Police Chief) at July 24, 2017 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE BY HAGGAG AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR STATTFIELD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0.**

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