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**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Monday, September 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Committee	Tino Silva, Chair	Mary Hanna-Weir
Members	Keith Stattenfield, Vice Chair	Steve Lodge
Present:	Hazel Alabado	Jodi Muirhead
	Markus Bracamonte	Beverly Silva
	Hosam Haggag	Teresa Sulcer

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

Matters for Council Action: None

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Tino Silva called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:07 pm.

MOTION MADE BY HAGGAG AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR STATENFIELD TO ACCEPT MEMBER REX MCINTOSH'S RESIGNATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0.

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

David Kadlecsek provided comments suggesting reconsideration of Committee's recommended transition, consideration of Instant-Runoff Voting for the Mayor, City Clerk, and Police Chief, and review of options available to allow Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) of Council Members for the November 2018 election. Steve Chessin provided comments on the draft charter amendments attached in the agenda, and distributed and reviewed handouts addressing Proportional Representation, Bottom-Up Ranked Choice Voting, and sample ballots. Pedro Hernandez reviewed and provided handouts of Fair Vote's Ranked Choice Voting Model Statutory Language and a copy of SB 58 language describing RCV. Mohsin Mirza referred to a letter submitted by Asian Americans Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus and expressed concern for the Committee's recommended election method in 2018 (which is to utilize the existing election method of plurality) and suggested consideration of bottom-up RCV or leasing equipment that would enable the use of RCV by means of Single Transferrable Vote in 2018.

3. Approval of Revised Minutes from June 26, 2017 Meeting and Draft Minutes from the July 10, 2017 Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY HAGGAG AND SECONDED BY BRACAMONTE TO APPROVE REVISED JUNE 26, 2017 MINUTES AND JULY 10, 2017 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 9:0 WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM ALABADO.

4. Review and Approval of Draft Charter Amendment Related to Election of City Council Members.

Interim City Attorney reviewed draft ballot language for the Committee to consider. Committee Members provided suggested revisions. It was suggested to reduce ballot language, provide a short summary of the recommended election method, RCV by means of Single Transferrable Vote (STV), and add language referring to an ordinance that would include detailed explanation of the new election method. Interim City Attorney will consider suggestions and provide revised ballot language for Committee's review at next meeting.

Committee Members discussed the feasibility of conducting the election of Council Members in November 2018 using RCV. Members stated that the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters expressed the possibility of implementing RCV if it received approval from the Secretary of State and upgraded its software. However, RCV by means of Transferrable Vote would not be possible until 2020. Once City indicates interest in utilizing RCV, the Registrar of Voters can begin to process the request.

City Clerk provided comments regarding the nomination process for elected office and voter outreach education completed in the 2014 election cycle (see handout included in post agenda materials).

5. Review Suggested Future Workplan Items. Chair Tino Silva asked the Committee if they were interested in discussing the suggested future workplan items provided by community members or preferred to continue the discussion at the next meeting. Committee Members agreed to continue the item at the next meeting and add additional items. There was a consensus that suggestions received from the community that did not relate to the City Charter were not appropriate for the Charter Review Committee to address.

MOTION MADE BY VICE CHAIR STATTFIELD AND SECONDED BY HAGGAG TO DISCUSS SUGGESTED FUTURE WORKPLAN ITEMS AT NEXT MEETING AND ADD VOTING METHOD FOR THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, AND POLICE CHIEF AS AN ADDITIONAL ITEM TO DISCUSS. MOTION PASSED 9:1 WITH OPPOSITION RECEIVED FROM LODGE.

MOTION MADE BY VICE CHAIR STATTFIELD AND SECONDED BY HAGGAG FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS THAT RELATE DIRECTLY TO THE CITY CHARTER AT THE NEXT MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 9:1 WITH OPPOSITION RECEIVED FROM BRACAMONTE.

MOTION MADE BY VICE CHAIR STATTFIELD AND SECONDED BY MUIRHEAD TO EXTEND THE MEETING TO 9:15 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

Pedro Hernandez provided comments regarding leasing equipment in order to implement Bottom-up RCV in November 2018. Steve Chessin and David Kadlecsek provided comments regarding the use of an ordinance to address the new election method.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE BY VICE CHAIR STATENFIELD AND
SECONDED BY HAGGAG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0.**

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