



**2012 Charter Revision Committee Meeting
December 8, 2011
Minutes**

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Gonzalo Barrientos
Vice Chair Ann Kitchen
David Butts
Fred Cantu
Delia Garza
Richard Jung
Delores Lenzy-Jones
Fred Lewis

Nelson Linder
Dr. Fred McGhee
Margaret Menicucci
Susan Moffat
Ken Rigsbee
Ted Siff
Kathleen Vale

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at x pm by Chair Gonzalo Barrientos. A quorum was present (*Committee member Lenzy-Jones and Siff absent.*).

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 1 MEETING

Motion by Butts, second by Lewis. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS

C. Housekeeping matters, including future speakers and meeting locations

Discussion at beginning of meeting regarding process for citizen communication and meeting in February.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were Martha Cotera and Roscoe Overton.

(At 7:05, Committee member Lenzy-Jones present.)

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by the Charter Amendment Working Group regarding proposed recommendation to Council regarding campaign finance (Vice Chair Kitchen, Siff, Moffat, Lewis, Menicucci).

Committee members Moffat and Lewis presented overview and recommendation regarding four campaign finance charter amendments proposed by Council and five campaign finance charter amendments proposed by the Working Group. The Committee discussed each item separately.

1. Working Group has no recommendation regarding Resolution 20110428-048 Section A.5. (increase at-large contribution from \$350 to \$700). Motion to table this recommendation by Lewis, second by Kitchen. Motion passed 11-3 (Menicucci, Cantu, Jung voting nay).

(At 7:15, Committee member Siff present.)

2. The Working Group recommends Resolution 20110428-048 Section A.6. (new 30-day fundraising period following election), as long as additional restrictions are placed on officeholder accounts. Motion to approve Working Group recommendation by Kitchen, second by Lewis. Motion passed 9-5-1 (Garza, Vale, Cantu, Barrientos, and Butts voting nay; Jung abstaining).
3. The Working Group recommends Resolution 20110428-048 Section A.7. (increase in officeholder account amount), as long as additional restrictions are placed on officeholder accounts. Motion to approve Working Group recommendation by McGhee, second by Butts.

(At 7:40, Committee member McGhee off the dais.)

Amendment by Butts: officeholder funds cannot be used for campaign, second by Siff. Motion passed 12-2 (Jung, Rigsbee voting nay).

4. The Working Group does not recommend Resolution 20110623-094 Section A.3. (state that campaign contributions for a run-off may only be collected after general election's election day) because already addressed in City Charter and Code. There was no motion on this item.
5. Working Group recommends clarifying that jurisdiction and enforcement powers of City Ethics Review Commission includes alleged violations of city campaign finance law. Motion to approve Working Group recommendation by Lewis, second by Lenzy-Jones. Motion passed 14-0.
6. Working Group recommends reporting within 1 business day those campaign contributions and expenditures exceeding \$2500 made within 9 days of an election. Motion to approve Working Group recommendation by Moffat, second by Rigsbee. Motion passed 14-0.
7. Working Group recommends enhancing disclosure by reporting and disclaimer of independent expenditures, including express advocacy and electioneering. Motion to approve Working Group recommendation by Lewis, second by Kitchen. Motion passed 14-0.
8. Working Group recommends electronic filing of all campaign finance, lobbying reports, and expenditures in a publicly searchable and downloadable database. Motion to approve Working Group recommendation by Cantu, second by Siff. Motion passed 14-0.

9. Working Group recommends a city election to approve major new revenue bonds over a particular dollar amount. Committee discussed what the dollar amount should be. Motion by Rigsbee to approve Working Group recommendation, with a \$50 million dollar amount, with a cost of living adjustment; second by Vale. Motion passed 10-3-1 (Lenzy-Jones, Menicucci, and Siff voting nay; Jung abstaining).

(At 8:00, Committee member McGhee on the dais.)

- B. Public input process update (Vale)
There was no update on this item.
- C. Housekeeping matters, including future speakers and meeting locations
Discussion at end of meeting regarding future discussion items and format for the January 5 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn; motion passed. Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m.