



Charter Review Commission

Agenda

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA**

**February 13, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

**Building A, Room C-103
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Chair **O'Donnell** _____, Vice Chair **Felber** _____, Commissioners
Buddingh _____, **Hopida** _____, **McDonald** _____, and **Ross** _____.

CITY STAFF: **Steinberger** _____, **Maland** _____, **Aguayo** _____.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons speaking during Public Comments may address the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not listed as an item on the agenda. State law generally prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Commission may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. Comments are limited to three minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

The item(s) listed below will be considered individually by the Commission and are expected to elicit discussion, deliberation, and potential action. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

1. Approval of January 14, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.
2. Discussion and Potential Action on Draft Public Survey Regarding Potential Charter Amendments.
3. Discussion and potential action on biannual report to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF COMMENTS
2. CHAIR'S COMMENTS
3. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

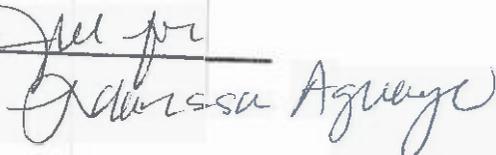
MATERIALS

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of Chula Vista in the Office of the City Attorney and that I posted this document on the bulletin board at the City Hall according to Brown Act requirements.

Dated: 2/9/19 Signed: 

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

January 14, 2019

6:00 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Charter Review Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order by Chair O'Donnell at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room C-106, located in Building A at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Buddingh, Hopida, McDonald, Ross, Vice Chair Felber and Chair O'Donnell.

ABSENT: N/A

CITY STAFF: Assistant City Attorney Maland.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speaker Teresa Acero appears at 6:04:54 during discussion of Item #3. Teresa Acero would like to include question on survey re Council receiving benefits because other part time employees do not receive benefits. Council office costs the city more than Development Services Dept. and more than Economic Development. Does not make sense, those are two very important departments.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of November 14, 2018 Minutes.

ACTION: Vice Chair Felber made a motion to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Buddingh seconded and motion passed as follows:

Yes: 6 (Buddingh, Hopida, McDonald, Ross, VC Felber and Chair O'Donnell)
No: 0
Abstain: 0

3. Appointment of member to Board of Ethics interview panel.

Item heard out of order. De La Rosa was previously appointed. De La Rosa has resigned from the Charter Review Commission. McDonald volunteers to be appointed to the Board of Ethics interview panel.

ACTION: Commissioner Buddingh made a motion to appoint McDonald to the Board of Ethics interview panel. Commissioner Felber seconded and motion passed as follows:

Yes: 6 (Buddingh, Hopida, McDonald, Ross, VC Felber and Chair O'Donnell)
No: 0
Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and Potential Action on Draft Public Survey Regarding Potential Charter Amendments.

Maland presents. Provides handout.

Commission discussed potentially adding City Attorney salary and Council benefits to the survey. Future item to include discussion regarding Council benefits.

ACTION: Chair O'Donnell made a motion to delete question #3, and change order of questions # 1 and 2 on handout (Survey VI. City Council Salaries). Commissioner McDonald seconded and motion passed as follows:

Yes: 6 (Buddingh, Hopida, McDonald, Ross, VC Felber and Chair O'Donnell)
No: 0
Abstain: 0

ACTION: Commissioner Felber made a motion to add general question "should part time council members receive the same benefits as part time city employee?" to survey. Commissioner Buddingh seconded and motion did not pass as follows:

Yes: 3 (Buddingh, VP Felber and Chair O'Donnell)
No: 3 (McDonald, Hopida, and Ross)
Abstain: 0

ACTION: Chair O'Donnell made a motion to have Assistant City Attorney Maland provide information with respect to what type of benefit packet part time council members currently receive, and revisit the option to include a questions related to same in a later survey. Commissioner Buddingh seconded and motion passed as follows:

Yes: 6 (Buddingh, Hopida, McDonald, Ross, VC Felber and Chair O'Donnell)
No: 0
Abstain: 0

4. Discussion and potential action on biannual report to City Council.

Maland presented.

ACTION: Chair O'Donnell made a motion and nominated himself to assist Maland in drafting the biannual report to City Council. Commissioner Buddingh seconded and motion passed as follows:

Yes: 6 (Buddingh, Hopida, McDonald, Ross, VC Felber and Chair O'Donnell)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF COMMENTS – There is a vacancy on the Charter Review Commission. Please spread the word should you know anyone that is interested.
2. CHAIR'S COMMENTS – Thank you for coming.
3. COMMISSIONERS'/BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS – No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Marisa Aguayo, Secretary

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**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
STATUS REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

February 8, 2019

Commissioners: **Chair Tom O'Donnell**
 Vice Chair Bryan Felber
 Jan Buddingh
 Edgar Hopida
 Rachel McDonald
 Robert Ross

Background

This report is provided to the City Council pursuant to its direction at the September 2017 joint workshop with the Charter Review Commission. At that time, the Council requested that the Commission provide the Council with biannual reports regarding the Commission's recent and planned work. The prior report was dated June 13, 2018.

Recent Work:

As detailed in the June report, the Commission decided to prepare a survey in order to obtain public input on several issues. As drafted, the survey seeks public input on the following issues which could require amendments to the City Charter: (i) revisions to the current term limits, for City Council members and the City Attorney; (ii) consideration of whether the City Attorney should remain an elected position, and, if so, whether the City Attorney should be required to be a City resident; (iii) a process for suspending an elected official from official duties, if the official is indicted or formally charged with a felony; (iv) allowing the use of vote-by-mail ballots, only, for elections held outside of regular election dates; and (v) changes to the compensation amounts and/or methods of calculation for the Mayor and City Council members. Each of the first four issues was raised by either the City Council, or the Charter Review Commission; the fifth was added to the draft survey at the request of members of the public. The Commission has been working on the survey and anticipates that it will be online for public viewing in March 2019.

Future Planned Work:

The Commission will work with City staff to collect and analyze the results of the survey. It will then, if warranted, prepare proposed Charter amendments for City Council consideration.

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Chair Tom O'Donnell