City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes
Charter Review Committee

Monday, October 4, 2021 | **9:00 AM** | **Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

Chair Boone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 7 - Mr. Ernest Booker, Mr. John Holic, Mr. Richard Clapp, Mr. Kit McKeon, Mr. Jeffery Boone, Mr. Jon Preiksat and Mr. Joseph Ferretti

Also Present

City Manager Ed Lavallee, City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce, and Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone.

In-person: Mr. Booker, Mr. Boone, Mr. Ferretti, Mr. Holic, Mr. McKeon, and Mr. Preiksat.

Via video-conference: Mr. Clapp

III. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

IV. Unfinished Business

21-5266 Accumulation of All Proposed Changes

Discussion took place regarding the proposed changes and no further discussion took place on Sections 3.01, 3.02, 3.02(b), or 3.05.

Discussion occurred regarding Section 3.07(b)(4), Attendance, to include medical, neglect of duty, three absences missed per year, definition of an excused absence, city council being able to modify the resolution, three unexcused absences within calendar year, and failure to attend in-person three regular meetings of the city council without being excused by the city council within one calendar year.

A motion was made by Mr. McKeon, seconded by Mr. Preiksat to modify Section 3.07(b)(4) if a council member fails to attend in-person three regular meetings of the city council without being excused by the city council within one calendar

year.

A motion was made by Mr. McKeon, seconded by Mr. Booker to amend the language of the motion for Section 3.07(b)(4) to read if a council member fails to attend in-person three regular meetings in a calendar year of the city council without being excused by the city council.

The amendment carried by voice vote unanimously.

The motion as amended carried by voice vote unanimously.

Discussion took place reviewing the recommended changes to Sections 5.02, 5.06, 5.09, 6.01, 7.04, 7.05(c) and (d), new language drafted by the city attorney, and length of a remaining term.

A motion was made by Mr. Booker, seconded by Mr. Holic to accept the drafted language for Section 7.05(c) and(d) drafted by the city attorney relative to vacancy in candidacy.The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Review of proposed language drafted by the city attorney took place regarding Section 9.03, Petitions,(b) and (d).

A motion was made by Mr. Holic, seconded by Mr. McKeon to approve Section 9.03 as submitted. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Review and action of Section 11.02, Oath of office took place.

A motion was made by Mr. McKeon, seconded by Mr. Holic to accept Section 11.02 as submitted. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

There were no changes to Article IV.

Ms. Fernandez relayed discussion from Article XII wtih Council Member Moore regarding home rule and stated there was nothing that can be put in the charter to protect the city from state legislation.

21-5161 Article III. Legislative

This item was addressed under 21-5266 Accumulation of All Proposed Changes.

21-5195 Article IV. City Manager

This item was addressed under 21-5266 Accumulation of All Proposed Changes.

21-5196 Article V. Financial Procedures

This item was addressed under 21-5266 Accumulation of All Proposed Changes.

21-5198 Article VII. Nominations and Elections

This item was addressed under 21-5266 Accumulation of All Proposed Changes.

21-5243 Article IX. Initiative and Citizen Referendum

This item was addressed under 21-5266 Accumulation of All Proposed Changes.

V. New Business

21-5267 Update on Request to City Council for a Joint Meeting

Ms. Stelzer stated city council requested the chair present findings and recommendations at a city council meeting in October.

Discussion took place regarding the council's request for the charter review committee (CRC) to participate in-person or remotely, discussion took place regarding the meeting, attendance, presentation to city council, city council acceptance or rejection, referendum, CRC desire to have a joint meeting, October 26 was the chosen date, will be noticed as a meeting of CRC, Mr. Booker will provide written comments, and a full document of changes with votes will be provided.

Discussion occurred regarding the committee and staff's hard work.

Discussion took place regarding revisiting districts and the challenges were noted.

After Chair Boone's presentation to city council either the CRC or city council can propose suspension of this committee.

Discussion continued regarding the previous discussion about districts, options, deadlines for the 2022 ballot, the need to have districting nuances on paper, and a consultant would be most appropriate to handle this issue.

Chair Boone thanked the committee for their work.

VI. Reference Documents and Meeting Schedule

21-5163 Reference Documents Requested by Committee and Council Members

21-5162 Meeting Schedule through December 31, 2021

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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Chair

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Administrative Coordinator