



City of Tucson
Charter Review Committee
Legal Action Report

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room (1st Floor)
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda
Tucson, Arizona

1. **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chair Nye. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Richard Miranda
Kasey C. Nye
Edna Meza-Aguirre
Diana Rhoades
Tom Prezelski, arrived at 4:34 p.m.
Lenny Porges
Bonnie Poulos
John A. Springer, arrived at 4:12 p.m.
Moon Joe Yee
Randi Dorman
John Hinderaker
Mark Crum

Appointer:

City Manager's Office
Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6
Ward 6

Members Absent

Stephanie Healy
Tannya R. Gaxiola
D. Grady Scott

Mayor
Ward 3
Ward 5

Staff Present:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk
Mike Rankin
Suzanne Mesich
Stephanie Montoya
Theo Fedele
Alma Armendariz-Murrieta
Raphe Sonenshein

Representing:

City Clerk
City Attorney
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office
Facilitator

2. **Approval of Legal Action Report**

It was moved by Ms. Poulos, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Tannya Gaxiola, Stephanie Healy, Tom Prezelski, John A. Springer, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused) to approve the legal action report of the January 8, 2015 meeting.

3. **Summary by Chair of Committee's Prior Actions**

Information and handout was provided by Chair Nye.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

(Mr. Springer arrived at 4:12 p.m.)

4. **Call to the Audience**

The following individuals spoke at the Call to the Audience:

Garry Brav, Priscilla Storm, Robert Ramirez, and Susan Franano.

5. **Presentation and Preliminary Discussion of Draft Public Comment Outreach Program**

Introductory comments were provided by Chair Nye.

Information and handout was provided by Ms. Poulos.

Discussion ensued, with questions fielded and answered by Mike Rankin, City Attorney.

Proposal for Public Outreach

I. General Outreach to Community at Large

- A. Send out Press Release along the lines of the Chair's summary to local papers (AZ Daily Star, Tucson Weekly, Green Valley News, other?) – needs to contain tentative recommendations
- B. Op-Ed piece to Star (by Chair and Co-chair) timed to come out week of or before Public Meetings
- C. Email from City Clerk to neighborhood and business groups (use listserves) about opportunity to comment via website or email, regular mail, call to audience, public meeting

II. Informal Outreach by Committee Members

- A. Individual members contact key groups about progress – neighborhood associations and coalitions, business organizations, labor groups, League of Women Voters, Pima County Interfaith Council (PCIC), other....
- B. Ask for information to be disseminated via Ward newsletters

III. Public Comment

- A. Hold 2 meetings: one on eastside and one on southside of Tucson (March 10th & 12th)
- B. Tentative time for public meeting: week of March 9 or 16, 5-7pm
- C. Schedule at least one more wrap-up meeting to settle on final recommendations – need to have time for staff to summarize comments received by mail or via website and for committee to deliberate on changes based on public comments; consider leaving enough time for two more CRC meetings after public meetings: one for in-depth discussion, one for final votes on recommendations

IV. Presentation to Mayor and Council

- A. Chair presents recommendations at Study Session in early April

It was moved by Ms. Rhoades, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Tannya Gaxiola, Stephanie Healy, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused) to adopt the proposal for public outreach with amendments.

(Mr. Prezelski arrived at 4:32 p.m.)

6. **Presentations, Committee Deliberation, and Discussion Relating to the Open Issues**

Information and handout was presented by Mike Rankin, City Attorney, and Raphe Sonenshein, who fielded and answered questions.

Discussion ensued.

Martha Durkin, City Manager, answered questions on the City Manager's Report to Mayor and Council.

It was moved by Ms. Poulos, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Tannya Gaxiola, Stephanie Healy, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused) to include the transparency goal to the preamble.

It was moved by Ms. Poulos, duly seconded, to recommend the City Manager to appoint all Department Director's, except for the City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, and Magistrates with approval by a majority vote of Mayor and Council and removed by super majority of Mayor and Council.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Poulos clarified her motion, the City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, and Magistrates will be appointed by a majority vote of Mayor and Council and can be removed by a super majority of Mayor and Council; the City Manager will appoint all Department Director with approval by a majority vote of Mayor and Council; Department Director can be fired by the City Manager or super majority vote by Mayor and Council; the Police Chief and Fire Chief will be under the same category as Department Director but will have the limited civil service protection they currently have.

The motion was carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Tannya Gaxiola, Stephanie Healy, and D. Grady Scott absent/excused).

(Mr. Prezelski departed at 5:25 p.m.; returned at 5:27 p.m.)

(Ms. Rhoades departed at 6:49 p.m.; returned at 6:51 p.m.)

(Ms. Dorman departed at 6:58 p.m.)

7. **Preliminary Presentations on Current Charter provisions**

This item was continued to the next meeting on February 9, 2015.

8. **Call to the Audience**

No one spoke at the Call to the Audience.

9. **Adjournment 7:03 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Charter Review Committee will be held Monday, February 9, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room (1st Floor), City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.