

NOTICE

COMPTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE Special Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, April 13, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Teleconference

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Meeting ID: 861 820 838
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- 1. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2020**
- 2. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Matters**
(Audience comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and shall be limited to items appearing on the Committee agenda and/or matters of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Committee)
- 3. Election of Committee Vice Chair**
- 4. Committee Review/Discussions/Recommendations**
 - a. Articles XI through XV of the City Charter**
- 5. Items for future Committee consideration as requested by Charter Review Committee Members**

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Section 54957.5 of the California Government Code, any writings (except for those writings that are exempt from disclosure) which are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Committee are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours and the lobby of the Council Chamber building on the day of the meeting.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Charter Review Committee or staff may participate in this meeting via a teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public may participate in the meeting by videoconference at the web address listed above, and may also offer comment at this meeting telephonically by leaving a voicemail at (310) 761-1409, or electronically by emailing your comments to contactcharterreview@comptoncity.org, by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) please contact Robert Chase at rchase@comptoncity.org or 310-605-5065 prior to the meeting for assistance.

Posted: April 9, 2020

COMPTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Karen Harris
Legrand H. Clegg II
Virginia Sanchez
Laverne King
Jerry Reed
Hernaldo "Ernie" Gutierrez
Lakeisha Childs

Committee Members absent: Bruce Boyden
Yolanda Gomez
Veronica Madero

Staff present: Damon M. Brown, City Attorney
(Legal Advisor)
Robert A. Chase IV, Secretary to the City
Manager
(Clerk)

1. Motion for Approval of Minutes & to Move Meeting Forward

Moved by Member King, seconded by Member Reed. Clerk Chase read meeting minutes from Charter Review Meeting on March 30, 2020. Motion voted in the affirmative by all members present to approve minutes and move the meeting forward.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Matters

Charmaine Hays, resident, submitted comments and suggestions via email on Sunday, April 5, 2020 for Committee Review and Consideration, and asked that the correspondence be noted in official record. Clerk Chase forwarded the email to the committee members on April 6, 2020 prior to the commencement of the meeting.

James Hays, resident, submitted an email on Sunday, April 5, 2020 with a comment for public record. Read to the Committee by Clerk Chase, resident

stated that he supports a Charter amendment, which would limit the Term of Office for all elected officials in the City of Compton. Additionally, he asked that the Committee please consider removing the City Attorney from elective office, and provided the alternative that an elected Attorney could serve in a more ceremonial role.

Mr. Hays also submitted additional comments stating that he believes that Compton City Council is very well compensated and he urged the committee to no bring forward an amendment, which would grant an increase in City Council compensation.

Richard Earl, resident, addressed the committee stating the public should be able to comment on articles throughout the meeting. No member of the public has a chance to say anything until the next week when the Committee has already made decisions on the previous week's items. Also commented that when meetings are held everyone should have access to the information for the meeting in order to be able to join. Attorney Brown stated Zoom no longer allows telephone call-in capability, but that he would explore alternative ways for the public to participate.

Chair Clegg polled Committee members on this issue and they decided to keep public comments as is at the beginning of the meeting.

Susan Adams, resident, addressed the committee stating she does not want the committee to rush through the public comments or to cut that time short. She also stated that the public comments are not memorialized in the meeting minutes; City Attorney Brown informed her the minutes do contain a summary of public comments that are made orally during the meeting. She also stated that she supported the comments from resident James Hays regarding the City Attorney. She suggested to the Committee to add the word "majority" in Article VII and adding language to Article VII section 708 regarding the City Controller and in section 713 regarding the Fire Chief.

3. Review of Articles VII – X in Compton Charter

a. Article VII.

Committee Chairperson Clegg asks if the City has an engineer at this time with regard to section 709. Attorney Brown states the City Engineer is technically the Public Works Director, which satisfies the charter. Committee Member Reed suggests changing the wording to better reflect the present City organizational structure.

Committee Chair Clegg suggests 709 and 710 need to be clarified as well regarding whom the positions report to and how they carry out their duties. Attorney Brown to follow up with City Manager to get

better understanding of the positions and will report back with clarification.

Section 711, Committee Chair asks Attorney Brown what is the actual title of the building official. Attorney Brown responds that he will confirm this title with the City Manager as well and report back to the committee.

Section 712, Committee Chair Clegg states he has issues with this section because there is currently no Police Department in the City of Compton. Committee Member Reed suggests this be deleted or it should be reworded. Attorney Brown provides clarification that the Captain of the Sheriff Department is contractually designated as Chief of Police and offers his opinion that the wording should not be changed because if we ever bring back the Police force, we would have to do a charter change, but a change is possible if the Committee wishes.

Section 713, Committee Chair Clegg suggests factoring in public comments for this section.

b. Article X.

Section 1000, Committee Member King thinks Charter Review Commission should be added to this section. Committee Chair Clegg clarifies that the wording is left general due to the fact that the Committee is temporary.

Section 1002, change wording to say "majority" in order to maintain consistency. Attorney Brown advises adding the word majority would be the best wording use.

Section 1004, Committee discussed changing the title of "Secretary" in the charter to reflect a more current and accurate title such as "chief of staff". Member Harris agrees but defines chief of staff and thinks a more appropriate title would be "executive assistant". Chair Clegg and member Reed also agree with the change and the title of executive assistant. Committee agrees the title should be changed in the charter.

Section 1005, Chair Clegg asks Attorney Brown if there is a Park and Rec Commission. Attorney Brown answers he does not believe we have one. Chair Clegg states one way to reflect the proper and current commissions is to change the wording.

Section 1006, Chair Clegg points out secretary should be changed to executive assistant in this section as well.

Section 1009, Chair Clegg and Member Reed point out that the word majority should be added in place of "three (3) affirmative votes."

c. Article XI.

Section 1100, Chair Clegg points out that in paragraph 2 the phrase "to qualify" should be removed as redundant.

Section 1101, Chair Clegg asks Attorney Brown if private secretary in point 4 is different than secretary to the city manager. Attorney Brown clarifies that it is referring to the same position. Chair Clegg points out that this should be changed to executive assistant as well.

Committee points out that point 6 is not comprehensible as it is currently written and asks Attorney Brown to clarify and reword the language in this section.

Section 1104, Member Harris references page 51 of the City of Carson Charter and proposes to the committee taking some of the wording from the personnel rules and policies section. She points out that the way our section is written is very vague.

Attorney Brown clarifies that the City does have personnel rules and regulations that is currently being updated and a lot of the clarification people may be looking for with regard to this section would be contained there. Chair Clegg suggests we have references to these things, which would provide greater clarity.

Section 1104.1, Chair Clegg asks Attorney Brown if this section is enforceable anymore. Member King also inquires if it is possible to have a certain percentage of residents apply as it relates to recruitment. Attorney Brown clarifies that there is no residency requirement for City employees. He would need to double check if this also applies to emergency personnel.

Member Gutierrez points out that this section is vague as well. He had questions regarding residency and the 30-day residency requirements, as he would like to see that extended to a year. Attorney Brown pulled the case issued by the California Supreme Court with regard to this and the case is still good law which means the City is bound by that ruling. He will forward it to the Committee.

Committee believes we should strike this section from the charter if it is obsolete.

Section 1105, Attorney Brown will look into this and confirm if the City has given any preference as it relates to hiring veterans.

Section 1106, Chair Clegg points out that this would be a good place to add parenthesis referencing the relevant personnel rule(s).

Section 1108, Member Gutierrez would like the committee to look deeper into this.

4. Items for future Committee consideration as requested by Charter Review Committee Members
 - a. Committee to be presented with and to review list of track changes.
 - b. Committee to vote on Vice Chairperson.
 - c. Committee requested Attorney Brown to look into potential 2-week extension for Charter Committee to review charter.
 - d. Attorney Brown to present committee with clarification of City Engineer job duty as well as official name of Building Official.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member King, seconded by Committee Member Harris that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**Minutes prepared by
Robert A. Chase IV**

Chairperson of Committee