

Mayor Bob Foster, Chair  
Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Chair  
All Members of City Council



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## FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (3:04 PM)

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At 3:04 P.M., Mayor Foster called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (3:04 PM)

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**Councilmembers** B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske,  
**Present:** Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

Also present: Assistant City Manager Chris Shippey; Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon;  
City Clerk Larry Herrera; and City Clerk Specialist Gloria Harper.

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1. [06-1124](#) Recommendation to receive and file an article titled, "The Mayor-Manager Merger", *Governing*, October, 2006.

A dialogue ensued between members of Council regarding placement of item one on the agenda.

**A motion was made by Councilmember DeLong, seconded by Councilmember S. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

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2. [06-1125](#) Recommendation to deliberate and adopt the mission statement of the Charter Amendment Committee.

A dialogue ensued between Councilwoman Rae Gabelich and Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal regarding a substitute motion to change the word "structure" in the first sentence of the Mission Statement to "structure" and "effectiveness".

Motion: Approve first substitute motion to change the first part of the sentence in the Mission Statement to read: "We will seek to improve the "effectiveness" of our government..."

Motion: Approve second substitute motion that the Mission Statement be adopted with the following amendment; change the word "structure" in the first sentence of the Mission Statement to "structure" and "effectiveness."

City Attorney Robert Shannon suggested amending the Mission Statement to read as follows: "We will seek to improve the effectiveness of our government, and if necessary, its structure..."

The second substitute motion was withdrawn and replaced with the following motion.

The first substitute motion was reread in order for the Committee to cast their vote.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember Schipske, to approve first substitute motion that the Mission Statement be adopted with the following amendment; change the word "structure in the first sentence of the Mission Statement to "effectiveness." The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal and DeLong

**No:** 5 - Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

**Abstain:** 1 - O'Donnell

[06-1125](#)

Recommendation to review the Charter Amendment Committee Mission Statement.

(See the October 24, 2006 meeting)

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabelich, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve first substitute motion that the Mission Statement be adopted with the following amendment; change the word "structure in the first sentence of the Mission Statement to "effectiveness." The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

**No:** 3 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal and DeLong

**Abstain:** 1 - O'Donnell

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3. [06-1126](#)

Recommendation to deliberate and adopt the schedule of the Charter Amendment Committee.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske distributed a memo requesting the addition of several topics to the meeting schedule.

Motion: Approve the first substitute motion that the entire schedule of the Charter Amendment Committee be adopted with removal of the topic related to Mayor form of government versus the City Manager form of government.

Mayor Foster commented that this motion would result in the cancellation of two meetings on December 4th & 5th.

Motion: Approve the second substitute motion that the entire schedule of the Charter Amendment Committee be adopted with the following amendment: the deletion of the December 11, 2006 subject matter the "Role of the City Council."

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilwoman Richardson commented that her major concerns pertained to the role of the Mayor in relation to Council and City Manager, and appointment and dismissal of department heads and City Manager.

Councilwoman Richardson also commented that she had no concerns related to Mayoral veto or line item veto.

Councilmember Lerch commented that he only wanted to remove discussion of Mayor-Manager merger; and that the 2004 Task Force never talked about a Mayor-Manager merger.

The following motion was reread in order for Council to cast their vote.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Lerch, to approve the first substitute motion that the entire schedule of the Charter Amendment Committee be adopted with the following amendment: the deletion of the December 4th subject matter, the Role of the Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

**No:** 4 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, DeLong and O'Donnell

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4. [06-1127](#)

Recommendation to approve the recommendation to give consensus approval for a Charter measure that would delete the following obsolete Charter sections: Section 903 pertaining to public recreation tax levy; Section 1714 pertaining to library tax levy; Section 1717 pertaining to transportation tax levy; Section 1724 pertaining to Municipal Band tax levy; Section 1700 pertaining to Fiscal Year; Section 1707 pertaining to the General Purpose Reserve Account; and Section 1500 pertaining to the organization of the Department of Public Utilities as presented in a City Attorney memo dated May 7, 2004.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Lerch, seconded by Councilmember DeLong, that this matter be approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

[06-1127](#)

Recommendation to approve the recommendation to give consensus approval for a Charter measure that would delete the following obsolete Charter sections: Section 903 pertaining to public recreation tax levy; Section 1714 pertaining to library tax levy; Section 1717 pertaining to transportation tax levy; Section 1724 pertaining to Municipal Band tax levy; Section 1700 pertaining to Fiscal Year; Section 1707 pertaining to the General Purpose Reserve Account; and Section 1500 pertaining to the organization of the Department of Public Utilities as presented in a City Attorney memo dated May 7, 2004.

During deliberation on obsolete section, the Committee discussed the process by which additional topics could be added to the meeting schedule adopted under agenda item three. As a result of this discussion, the following motion resulted:

Mayor Foster and Councilwoman Schipske clarified that the topics previously proposed for December 4th & 5th be moved to the meeting before the full Council on December 12th in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Schipske, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve recommendation that Council schedule a meeting before the full Council and Mayor to hear presentations regarding the Council-Manager form of government; and other evolving forms of government for the purpose of discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:14 PM)**

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No members of the public addressed the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT (4:15 PM)**

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At 4:15 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.