

Mayor Bob Foster, Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair
All Members of City Council



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:05 PM)

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At 3:05 P.M., Mayor Foster called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:05 PM)

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Councilmembers Lowenthal, Johnson, Gabelich, Andrews, Neal and Garcia
Present:

Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell and Schipske
Absent:

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1. [10-0771](#) Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Charter Amendment Committee for the meeting of Tuesday, July 6, 2010.
A motion was made by Councilman Andrews, seconded by Councilmember Lowenthal, that this matter be receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - Lowenthal, Johnson, Gabelich, Andrews, Neal and Garcia
Absent: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Schipske

SECOND ROLL CALL (3:08 PM)

Councilmembers Lowenthal, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Andrews, Neal and Garcia
Present: Garcia

Councilmembers DeLong and O'Donnell
Absent:

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2. [10-0773](#) (Garcia) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of increasing the point preference on job examinations to 15 points for all veterans and eligible spouses, lower the threshold for spousal eligibility to cover

spouses of veterans with 10% or greater disability, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.

Councilmember Garcia gave a brief overview of the topic.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, introduced Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, gave a brief staff report and introduced Ken Walker, Manager of Personnel Operations.

Ken Walker, Manager of Personnel Operations, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gabelich to the Personnel and Civil Service Commission. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Councilmember Neal spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Ken Walker, Manager of Personnel Operations, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Lowenthal, to recommend to the City Council due back on 8/3/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Andrews, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

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3. [09-0945](#)

(Former Member Lerch) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of a Charter Amendment to create a "Rainy Day" reserve in the City's budget. In any given year when revenue growth is in excess of five (5) percent over the previous year, 50 percent of the excess will be placed into a reserve. During lean fiscal times, the City would be able to withdraw up to 50 percent of the reserve funds in a given year, but no more than the revenue decline from the previous year. The reserve would be capped at 40 percent of General Fund.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeLong, seconded by Councilmember Lowenthal to approve recommendation to receive and file.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Neal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Councilman Andrews spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Gabelich, to recommend to City Council for referral to the Budget Oversight Committee, due back on 8/3/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Andrews, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

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4. [10-0776](#)

(DeLong) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of pension reform, amend the City Charter to require any future pension increase to be approved by the City electorate, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General election to amend the City Charter.

Councilmember DeLong gave a brief overview.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeLong, seconded by Councilmember Lowenthal to approve recommendation to amend the City Charter to require any future pension increase to be approved by the City electorate with a sunset clause for 15 years.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Gabelich, seconded by Councilmember Neal to receive and file.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Neal spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Steve James, President, Police Officers' Association, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeLong, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to recommend to the City Council for a Study Session, due back on 8/3/2010| due back on 8/3/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Andrews, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

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5. [10-0774](#)

(Schipske) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of reducing the salaries for the Mayor and City Councilmembers, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.

Councilwoman Schipske gave a brief overview.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schipske, seconded by Councilwoman Gabelich, that this matter be receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Andrews

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6. [10-0778](#)

(Former Member Uranga) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of providing independent legal counsel for the City Manager and Legislative Department, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schipske, seconded by Councilwoman Gabelich, that this matter be receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lowenthal, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Andrews

7. [10-0775](#) (Schipske) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of conducting City elections in concurrence with statewide elections, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Councilmember Neal spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schipske, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to recommend to the City Council for referral to the Elections Oversight Committee, due back on 8/3/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Andrews

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8. [10-0777](#) (Former Member Uranga) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of amending the City Charter to create a "strong mayor" system of government, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember DeLong, that this matter be receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich and Neal

Absent: 3 - O'Donnell, Andrews and Garcia

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9. [10-0779](#) Recommendation to City Council to concur in recommendation of the Charter Amendment Committee to forward to the City Council for a study session the topic of creating a parcel tax dedicated to funding the City's library system.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schipske, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to recommend to the City Council for a Study Session, due back on 8/3/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal and Garcia

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Andrews

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:44 PM)

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No members of the public addressed the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT (4:45 PM)

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At 4:45 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.