

Sam Pannell Community Center

Charter Review Town Hall Meeting 10-14-09

Bill Edgar - Chair

Bonnie Pannell - Council member

JoAnn Fuller, Dr Chet Newland

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Review / Overview

July 1st Public Community Meeting

Framework - Strong Mayor Initiative
Ideas about Charter

Charter Committee members

each council member

Mayor

2 at large

- Charter is City Constitution (64 pages)

- Amended 111 times 54 156 measures

- Needs modernization elections

Classic Council / Manager form of Government
Mayor / Council work together

- Charter Review Committee, appointed by Council
in response to (SMI) Strong Mayor Initiative
Began meeting in April 2009

- Various testimony by experts

Video / archived @ cityofsacramento.com/charter
11 hours of testimony / town hall

- 8 Council districts Mayor City wide (Mayor
no term limits)

Council meets weekly

4 Charter Officers Clerk, Attorney, Treasurer

City Manager CEO - Daily Operations

Mayor - Presiding Officer, App't Boards + Commissioners

Report Due to Council November 3rd

* Tentative Recommendation to Council

① Should Mayor Sit and Vote as a member of the Council? Important Issue - One Body Accountability

Inclusive
Committee Recommendation: leave as is
Mayor sits, accessible, discuss in public
Inclusive, Constituent

Report to Council → what will Council choose to do?

Questions:

Approved by Council - can't be placed on the ballot
if both are on ballot, what are costs?
No Cost Analysis at this point
Competing Measures - Both win Highest #
see

Questions:

How are current boundaries drawn?
Census reapportionment every 10 years
Present boundaries not

Questions:

Charter previously renewed (amended)
11 amendments - Good time Mayor was out
Outreach / testimony where?

* what testimony apposed SMI?

Committee perspective -

* Agrees with community access

Question Any other ideas that SMI sits with the Council? maybe not but does until 2nd district is created?

★ Keep Mayor on Council

Question Purpose is to create Bunter measure? Information gathering only

Question Neutral and Objective body? What is Agenda?

Question Formed Research Opinions after

Question They were not Unanimous body? Disagreement Majority agreed / Minority Report

② Should the Mayor Have Veto Power?

Question Is it Veto over all Council actions?

CRC Recommendation

③ who Appoints/Removes Charter Officers Clerk, Attorney, Treasurer, Manager

CRC Recommendation: all but Manager remain

Question SMI

Question Mayor can fire without Council consent?

Questions

Civil Service Process used currently?
what is required under SMI?
it could be patronage?
CRC Recommendation spell out or is it up
to Council how the Officers are selected?

~~Q~~ City Manager
Mayor / City Manager working together

- 1) Separation of power but Unity
- 2) Charter Officers remain the same
- 3) Manager appointment by all Council
- 4) Manager Budgeted hire staff

Question

Mayor currently has no power at all?
Framework vs People

Good Job

Mayors have some power

Question

Agree with Dr Newland
Replace City Manager 4 years?
City Manager is not accountable to people?
is accountable!

Question

City Manager is head of Departments?

Question

Mayor has authority to appoint
Boards + Commissions?

Mayor can remove at his pleasure?

Question

Why let Mayor choose City Manager

- Chat Newland

all ~~recommendations~~ Recommendation

Question 3 meetings
#4 is a contradiction to committee philosophy

Question Response from other Hall meetings?

Question Mayor comment

Question City Manager - National Search
identification of process for City Manager

⑤ Appoint/Remove Non-Union City Employees?

Question Silly to City Manager not manager?

Question Where does Mayor get background
to Appointment etc.

Question Mayor may become biased and
pick & choose. Checks and balances

Question If mayor can hire/fire, when will he
run the city?

Question Reduction in Council to represent

Question

⑥ Budget Authority

Question Council can change the budget
SMT - can they modify it?
all recommendation

Question RedTape? Reason for SMT
Disagree - stay the way

Question Annual State of City - Council can
change Mayors priorities

Questions SMT - June 30 2010

Question Mayor is Part of Review

Question City Manager / Year Round Process

⑦ Term Limits
None recommendation

⑧ Transition Time for Charter Change

CRC Recommendations

Question Should go into 2012 - Several folks agree
Why did CRC suggest this?

Question SMT cannot change: Council Can't Change the
transition time

Any change is better than what we

~~Discussion~~

City Council initiative fails
Political Power - all in Ball Out

Committee believe charter should be
modernized

~~Discussion~~

What else could you do?

Thank you for coming!