



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

12/13/2016

Charter Change Committee Meeting

December 13, 2016

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Present: Kurt Wright (KW), Chair; Sara Giannoni (SG); Joan Shannon (JS)

Staff: Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney (EB)

Other attendees: none

KW convened meeting at 3:37 pm.

1.01 SG moved, JS seconded to approve agenda. Unanimous.

2.01 JS moved, SG seconded to adopt minutes of Dec. 8 as presented. Unanimous.

3.01 No public members present to comment

4.01 EB reviewed charter change re clarification of mayor presiding over appointments. The Committee discussed whether a mayor should preside over his own appointments. JS noted that the example of an obstructionistic council when former Mayor Sanders came into office suggests maybe the mayor should be able to break a tie. KW and SG disagreed. JS and KW agreed there should be deference to the mayor's choice. JS thinks giving the mayor a vote is a way of giving deference. SG said the mayor is choosing the appointee in the first place, so she doesn't see that he should vote on the appointments

SG moved to approve the charter change resolution as presented and recommend council approval. KW seconded. KW, SG in favor; JS against. Motion passed 2-1.

4.02 The Committee reviewed a memo from EB re: mayoral veto and felt that it addressed the issue.

The Committee also addressed the issue of reconsideration and felt that a Council rule should also be proposed for that. EB will write up a council rule to allow reconsideration at the next meeting on a motion by someone voting in the majority.

JS moved to recommend to the council adding a provision to the council rules allowing reconsideration at the next meeting on the motion of someone voting in the majority; SG seconded. Unanimous .

JS moved to recommend to the council adding a provision to the council rules on procedural motions and mayoral veto as suggested in EB's memo entitled Mayor's veto authority, section 46 of city charter. SG seconded. Unanimous



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Both rule changes can wait until Jan. council meeting, so EB will write them up for then.

5.01 No further business so no next meeting scheduled. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.