



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

10/29/2020

Charter Change Committee Meeting

October 29, 2020

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Joan Shannon, Chair; Perri Freeman; Jane Stromberg

Staff and Other Presenters: Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1.01 Agenda. Approval of agenda moved by Stromberg, second by Freeman; unanimously adopted.

2.01. Minutes. Approval of the minutes of Oct. 20 moved by Stromberg, second by Freeman; unanimously adopted.

3.01 Review potions for who makes and reviews police disciplinary decisions. The City Attorney presented updates to the prior memorandum that included specific model recommendations from the ACLU and public comment.

Freeman then presented a draft model that she is proposing. The model includes both investigative and disciplinary authority vested in the oversight board. It includes a staff with a separate office. The selection of board members is still to be determined, but she is considering election of individuals at the NPA from organization nominations.

Freeman asked if the City Attorney could put the proposal into language for the Committee. The matter was then tabled until the next meeting, and the Committee went on to public forum.

3.02 Charter Change Language. The City Attorney reviewed the charter change language she had been asked to prepare by Council resolution, which was limited to Police Commission authority related to discipline in use of force cases.



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Freeman began reviewing her proposal for charter change language to implement her proposed model, but the Committee suspended the discussion to hear public forum.

3.03 Public Forum. The following individuals spoke at public forum:

Ashley LaPorte

Tyler Pastorok

William Dunkley

Lilla Fortunoff

Phoebe Paron

Jess LaPorte

Zoe Koeninger

Brooke McKeen

Grace Horelick

Kerin Durfee

Grace Pfeil

Gene Bergman

Thaya Z

3.02 (continued). Councilor Freeman walked through her proposal for a charter change. The Committee then asked the City Attorney to bring back language for its consideration. The City Attorney noted she would circulate it to the Committee on Nov. 3. The Committee decided to table this item to the next meeting as well. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 4.

4.01 Adjournment. As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.