



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

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Charter Change Committee Meeting

September 28, 2016

Minutes

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

Staff: Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney (EB)

Other speakers:

Other attendees:

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm by Chair Wright.

1. Agenda—SG moved to accept the agenda, JS seconded. Unanimous.
2. Minutes of Aug. 3, 2016—SG moved to accept the minutes, JS seconded. Unanimous
3. Public forum—no speakers
4. Consideration of possible charter changes—KW returned to the issue of party designation and reviewed prior discussions. SG said she was unsure if the council should get into this issue with all else that is going on. She would like to see what the advantages/disadvantages are. JS moved to postpone until first meeting after the November election; SG seconded. Unanimous.

Police Commission role—SG said the sticking point is that the Commission has no staff support so they have trouble doing much at this point. KW will bring this to the Council eventually.

KW mentioned that Councilor Hartnett may ask this Committee to pursue increasing councilor pay. The



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Committee discussed that it may be worth considering because there are two fewer councilors and the workload has increased substantially since the last change.

EB went through possible technical changes to the charter proposed by the City Attorney's Office. The Committee asked EB to bring some drafts for several items and to refer a possible change to section 211 to the Parks Commission.

5. Next meeting: Nov. 15 at 4 pm. Following meeting Nov. 29 at 4:30 pm.
6. Adjournment. JS moved & SG seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.