

CITY OF BEVERLY

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Charter Review Committee  
DATE: July 1, 2021  
LOCATION: Beverly Public Library  
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Timothy Flaherty (Chair), Stacy Ames, Hannah Bowen, Julie DeSilva, Richard Dinkin  
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Guanci, Jerry Perry, Mike Pinciario  
RECORDER: Sharlyne Woodbury  
Others present: Marilyn Contreas; Jesse Dole, Assistant City Solicitor

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City Council Appointee(s): Chairperson and City Councilor-at-Large Timothy Flaherty; Ward Councilor Stacy Ames

Mayoral Appointee(s): Paul Guanci, City Council President-at-large

By Ordinance:

Ex Officio: Gerard Perry

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**1. Opening Remarks**

Chair Flaherty calls the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes**

**a. Approval of June 24, 2021 minutes**

DeSilva moves to approve the minutes as presented. Ames seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Discussion on the minutes:

Ames has questions for Contreas on the provision for legal counsel to the legislative branch. She refers to Councilor Scott Houseman's written statement in favor of this additional tool to the city council. Contreas clarified that the Collins Center provided a mock provision and does not advocate for Houseman's proposal for an additional tool to the city council. DeSilva reiterates to the members that Corbo is very much against the provision and her position has not changed. Ames appreciates the clarification on the mock provision.

**3. Discussion of the Executive Summary**

Contreas reviews the color-coded document guide to the proposed changes by the committee with specific attention to the "technical", "replacement", and "new" charter changes.

Bowen and the members begin review of the executive summary. Ames suggests under section "B, Process" the public emails and comments from the Public Hearing should be included. Bowen will review and appropriately incorporate them. Dinkin provides general comments and edits. He suggests cutting the summary to 5-7 pages. Bowen and Dinkin continue to review the documents with specific edits. Members agree Dinkin will oversee the remaining edits.

**4. Future meetings**

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Flaherty discusses next steps for the members. He suggests at the next meeting to accept the draft executive summary, to refer the matter to city council and to the city solicitor, then dissolve the committee. After city council meets initially for the draft review, there may be additional meetings with a public hearing to follow.

Flaherty informs the committee he is not available for the next committee meeting. Providing a quorum is present the members may vote on the executive summary and send to both the city council and the city solicitor. Woodbury will coordinate with the City Clerk on the setting up the virtual meeting for July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Flaherty adjourned meeting at 8:25 p.m. Next Charter Review meeting July 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.