

**Charter Review Commission 2020****January 28, 2021****Status of Issues by Subcommittee****Summary:**

The Charter Review Commission identified a number of initial proposals and assigned all of the proposals into Ad Hoc Subcommittees. This is a summary of the status of each subcommittee for the January 28, 2020 meeting.

<b>Ad Hoc Subcommittee</b>	<b>General Description of Topic and Charter Article and/or Sections</b>	<b>Specific Proposals/Observations</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Elections (Escobedo, Jimenez, Tomkins)</b>	IX. Elections; Section 401(b), 403; Article IV. Includes election procedures (903); terms of elective officers (401(b)); and how Council vacancies are filled.	1. Add a primary election or an instant runoff election.	Language approved 11/19/20. Presented to City Council 1/4/2021 for feedback.
		2. Term Limits for Elected Officials	Language prepared but tabled depending upon decision on Mayoral Term
		3. Review whether Council members who resign are eligible for appointment within the term.	No report to CRC yet.
<b>Redistricting (Clifford, Escobedo, Russell)</b>	Section 202 and 203; Section 402(b). Includes redistricting provisions.	4. Create an Independent Redistricting Commission	Language discussed 11/19/20. Agreed to submit to City Council for feedback and also requested language to be simplified. Presented draft language to City Council for feedback on 1/4/2021. On 1/14/2021, a simplified version of charter amendment was reviewed, and staff was directed to work with subcommittee to go back to more detailed version and simplify that. Anticipate bringing back to CRC in February 2021.

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<b>Campaign Finance (Engdahl, Rudenauer, Tomkins)</b>	Article XIV. Includes campaign finance provisions, voluntary expenditure ceiling (1401), Surplus Funds (1402) and conflict of interest (1403, 513, 710).	5. Review whether surplus funds should go to general fund and campaign contribution provisions.  6. Clarify conflict of interest in 1403 - amount and requirements.	General concepts and questions discussed on 1/14/2021 meeting. Subcommittee working on proposed language.
<b>Positions (Clifford, Escobedo, Russell)</b>	Article VII; Sections 401e, 402b; 401c, 404, 406, 402, Article VI, and other TBD. Includes structure of City positions, timing of Mayoral election, and role of Mayor.	7. Add section 406 explaining role of Council Members.	Language presented 9/24/2020.
		8. City Attorney in-house position	Concept presented 9/24/2020.
		9. Combine Finance Director/City Treasurer	Language presented 11/19/2020.
		10. Review role of Mayor	Held special meeting 12/3/2020 to get public input.
		11. Mayoral term to address "safe seat" issue	Held special meeting 12/3/2020 to get public input. Proposed language on agenda for 1/28/2021.
		12. Additional City positions (e.g. community relations, public advocate)	Presented topic 9/24, expressing concern about adding specific positions to Charter.
		13. Position reviews - add language regarding performance reviews for other positions and address process.	Discussed concept 9/24/2020.

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<b>Commissions (Rudenauer, Russell, Tomkins)</b>	Article VIII and XVII. Includes issues related to Commissions, such as commission staffing levels, and terms (Article VIII), and Charter Review Commission procedures (Article XVII).	15. Adding Police Commission.	Language approved 1/14/2021. Pending disucsison with employee groups.
		15. Clarify procedures for Charter Review Commission	Language approved 1/14/2021.
		16. Allow flexibility for number of Commissioners (e.g. Fairplex).	Some language proposed under technical clean-up, pending review.
		17. Allow flexibility in terms (e.g. Youth Commission)	Some language proposed under technical clean-up, pending review.
		18. Review procedures for filling vacancies to help ensure timely appointment.	Not yet presented.
		19. Review bylaws and consistency for all Commissions	Not yet presented.
<b>Enforcement (Clifford, Jimenez, Rudenauer)</b>	Entire Charter; examples include 601(d), 603(a), 604. Includes proposals focussed on ensuring the enforcement of the Charter.	20. Consider adding Ethics Commission. 21. Add a position or body to enforce the charter. 22. Conduct periodic audits for compliance. 23. Charter requires separation of powers between the City Council and City Manager, which are not always followed; explore how to enforce. 24. Ensure that City Council is approving the appointment and removal of officers/department heads. 25. Ensure that the City Manager's performance is reviewed annually.	Not yet presented.

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<b>Transparency (Engdahl, Escobedo, Tomkins*)</b>  <b>*Tomkins replaced Jimenez due to leave</b>	Entire Charter. Includes proposals related to improving transparency of City government.	26. Review requirements of publication of budget and timing of budget hearings; 27. review ways to increase responsiveness to and inclusion of the public, such as receiving a report of the City Manager's review; 28. consider referencing Closed Sesison procedures; 29. consider whether to incorporate concepts from sunshine laws.	Not yet presented.
<b>Technical Clean up (Clifford, Rudenauer)</b>	Entire Charter. Includes technical clean-up language primarily to align Charter language with current practices. These are expected to be non-controversial in nature. May include minor clean-up from other topics listed above.	30. Sec. 505 - Allow electronic roll call and other methods of counting votes; 31. Sec 801 - allow fleixbility to compositon of commissions as described under Commissions; 32. Sec. 1501 - remove reference to Redevelopment Agency; 33. Sec. 505b - Update term "judge" to certify or other appropriate term; 34. Sec. 401 - clarify when new elected officials are appointed; 35. Various sec - update cost of living measurements to generic or current index. 36. Add electronic media to all publishing requirements.	Draft technical clean-up presented 6/25/2020. Not discussed in detail and no specific action taken.
<b>Preamble (Clifford, Engdahl, Rudenaur)</b>	Created 11/19/2020 to prepare a preamble reflecting City values	37. Add preamble to the Charter to reflect the values of the City, which may include compassion, equality, and others.	Language approved 1/4/2021.