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CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Second Floor, Room 2005
Tenth Street Place
1010 10th Street, Modesto, California

Monday, August 27, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Committee Members: Altman, Bairey, Cogdill, Harrigfeld, Lucas, Petrulakis, Shores, Williams

Absent: Committee Members: Bernal, Wright

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Three minute time limit per speaker

Committee member Shores commended the Chair and his staff for the outstanding job they have done on this Charter Review Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS – ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED: Item #1

Information concerning the consent items listed above has been forwarded to each Committee Member prior to this meeting for study. Unless some member of the audience or Committee Member has a question concerning an item and asks that it be withdrawn from the consent list, the Committee approves the items at one time. The action taken by the Committee in approving consent items is set forth in the explanation of this individual item.

Any and all of the following agenda items are subject to action by the Charter Review Committee.

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CONSENT ITEMS

An item may be removed from consent and discussed at the request of an audience member or Committee Member.

CONSENT

1. Consider approving minutes from the Charter Review Committee Meetings of August 21, 2007 and August 23, 2007.

ACTION: The minutes of August 21, 2007 approved, as amended.
The minutes of August 23, 2007 approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss/Vote on a Proposal to Create a Districting Commission to Establish and Update the Boundaries of City Council Districts (Two Alternatives Matching Advisory Vote Process)

ACTION: Presented for discussion piece. Extensive discussion on appointment of Districting Commission.

2. Discussion/Vote on Language on “Newspaper of General Circulation within the City” and Notice Provisions.

ACTION: Approved 8-0.

3. Discuss/Vote on Language on Nepotism/Conflicts of Relatives within Third Degree.

ACTION: Discussion regarding nepotism policy applying to commissioners, i.e., Planning Commissioners. The Committee voted to leave alone and change from 2nd degree to 3rd degree so it matches other nepotism policy.

4. Discuss/Vote on Unclassified Employees Language Related to New Staffing Provisions on Mayor’s Duties/Powers.

ACTION: City Attorney shared initial thoughts on this.

5. Consider Draft Final Report and Discuss Steps for Submission of Final Report.

ACTION: To be continued; still in draft format; aim for City Council meeting of 9/11 or 9/25.

6. Discuss Modesto Bee Editorial Meeting and Opinion Piece.

ACTION: Advice to Committee; determine if the interest is there.

7. Continued Invitation to Committee Members to Provide Commentary/Dissenting Views in Final Report.

ACTION: No action taken.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The Charter Review Committee feels the reform package is well linked as presented and contains good recommendations. The recommendation will be for there to be two measures in February: (1) District (2) Reform Package

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

For 8/30/07

1. Districting Methods – Language Changes
2. Submission of Draft Final Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

SUSANA ALCALA WOOD, City Attorney