



**THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTER REVIEW
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**Council President Sherri S. Lightner, Chair
Councilmember Chris Cate, Vice Chair
Councilmember Mark Kersey
Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald**

**ACTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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Committee members present: Lightner, Cate, Kersey

Committee members absent: Emerald

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Committee Record of Actions of the following meeting was approved by Unanimous Consent:

August 6, 2015

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Varnadore asked the Committee to eliminate the Salary Setting Commission.

Evie Kosower asked the Committee to change the composition of the Citizen’s Review Board on Police Practices to reflect equal representation from each Council District.

Kate Yavenditti reported that the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee referred the proposed changes to the Citizen’s Review Board presented on June 11, 2015, back to the Charter Review Committee; and accordingly asked the Committee to re-docket the proposals. She also asked the Committee to request a City Attorney opinion regarding the proposed changes presented on June 11, 2015.

Stephanie Jennings explained why she believes it is more practical to change the Citizen’s Review Board through Charter revision rather than by joining it.

Valerie Sanfilippo filled out a public comment slip in support of those who proposed changes to the Citizen’s Review Board, but did not wish to speak herself.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MAYOR, INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY CLERK, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMENT:

None

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE: None

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

ITEM-1: Consideration of proposed changes to Article VII provisions addressing budget and appropriations including sections 68, 69, 71, 72 and related Charter sections in response to prior Committee discussion. (*Independent Budget Analyst, Chief Financial Officer and City Attorney*)

Motion by Councilmember Cate to accept the recommended language for sections 68,69, 71 and 72 as presented in “Charter Amendments – Budget, October 8, 2015”, except to merge the proposed section 68 into section 69, change the word “fiscal” to “calendar” when defining June 30th as the end of the fiscal year in the proposed section 68; change the word “as” to “at” following the words “legal levels” in section 69(k); and place the proposed changes on the appropriate Committee’s consent agenda when it meets January 13, 2016, to recommend ballot measures to the full Council. Second by Councilmember Kersey.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: Emerald

ITEM-2: Consideration of proposed changes to Article VII provisions addressing taxation including sections 75, 76.1, 78 and related Charter sections in response to prior Committee discussion. (*Chief Financial Officer, Independent Budget Analyst and City Attorney*)

Motion by Councilmember Cate to accept the recommended language for sections 75, 76, 76.1 and 78 as presented in “Charter Amendments – Budget, October 8, 2015,” and repeal section 76, renumber section 76.1 as 76, place the functional provisions of section 78 in section 75, and place the proposed changes on the appropriate Committee’s consent agenda when it meets January 13, 2016, to recommend ballot measures to the full Council. Second by Councilmember Kersey.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: Emerald

ITEM-3: Consideration of proposed changes to Article VII provisions addressing bonding including sections 90, 90.1, 90.2 and related Charter sections in response to prior Committee discussion. (*Chief Financial Officer, Independent Budget Analyst and City Attorney*)

Motion by Councilmember Kersey to accept the recommended language for sections 90 and 90.2 as presented in “Charter Amendments – Budget, October 8, 2015”; and for section 91.1 as presented in the Independent Budget Analyst’s Report Number 15-36; and place the proposed changes on the appropriate Committee’s consent agenda when it meets January 13, 2016, to recommend ballot measures to the full Council. Second by Councilmember Cate.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: Emerald

ITEM-4: Consideration of proposed changes to Article VII provisions addressing financial

operations including sections 77, 80, 82, 83, 86, 91, 91.1, 111 and related Charter sections in response to prior Committee discussion. (*Independent Budget Analyst, Chief Financial Officer and City Attorney*)

Motion by Councilmember Cate to accept the recommended language for sections 77, 80, 91 and 91.1 as presented in “Charter Amendments – Budget, October 8, 2015”; for section 39 as presented in “Charter Amendments Prepared by: Comptroller’s Office, August 24, 2015”; for sections 82 and 83 as presented in “Charter Amendments Prepared by: Comptroller’s Office, September 18, 2015”; and for section 86 as presented in the Chief Financial Officer’s “Recommended Revisions to the City Charter, April 2, 1015”; to place the language on the appropriate Committee’s consent agenda when it meets January 13, 2015, to recommend ballot measures to the full Council; and refer the City Auditor’s recommended language for section 111 to the City Attorney for legal review. Second by Councilmember Kersey.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: Emerald

ITEM-5: Consideration of the following responses to the Committee’s actions taken in response to the Independent Budget Analyst’s Report Number 15-09 at the April 16, 2015, Charter Review Committee which the Committee has not already considered in this agenda. (*Independent Budget Analyst*)

- A) Point #7 from the Independent Budget Analyst’s Report Number: 15-09.
Consideration of a recommendation to leave the matter of performance reports in the budget policy rather than Charter.
- B) Point #9 from the Independent Budget Analyst’s Report Number: 15-09.
Consideration of a recommendation to leave two remaining sub-points of Point #9 below) not addressed in other Charter sections in the legislative calendar, Council policies and other documents: 3) Annual departmental/agency budget hearings to be held by the Budget Review Committee; and 4) Requirement and timing for the Mayor’s May Revise.

Motion by Councilmember Cate to accept the Independent Budget Analyst’s explanation as to why the two sub-items previously considered were not included in the proposed language presented for Committee consideration on this agenda. Second by Councilmember Kersey.

Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: Emerald

Sherri S. Lightner
Chair