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MAYOR DAVID ROMERO

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING
November 19, 2024-Tuesday-4:00 p.m.
City Chambers
1700 N. Grand Avenue
Las Vegas, NM 87701**

AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 2, 2024)**
- VI. PUBLIC INPUT (comments limited to topics on current agenda; not to exceed 3 minutes per person and individuals must sign up at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to meeting.)**
- VII. INTRODUCTION OF CONTRACTED ATTORNEY MR. GENO ZAMORA**
- VIII. DISCUSSION**
 1. Term of Charter Commission
 2. Other items for discussion
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Guidance/Direction from City Attorney Zamora in regards to the City Charter
- X. ADJOURN**

David Ulibarri
Councilor Ward I

Michael Montoya
Councilor Ward 2

Barbara Casey
Councilor Ward 3

Marvin Martinez
Councilor Ward 4

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Minutes of the City of Las Vegas Charter Commission held on October 2, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Call to Order

Mayor David Romero called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

Matt Martinez
Benito Pacheco
Meridith Britt
Joseph Cruz
Ashley Arellanes
Joseph Dominguez

Absent

Lauren Martinez

Also Present

Mayor David Romero
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Matt Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ashley Arellanes second the motion. All were in favor.

Public Input

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez advised there was no public input.

Welcome/Introduction by Mayor David Romero

Mayor David Romero welcomed the Commissioners and thanked them for volunteering to be a part of the Charter Commission and asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves. The Commissioners each spoke about what they do and expressed that they are dedicated to learning and assisting with the revision of the Municipal Charter.

Discussion

City Clerk Fresquez advised that the current bylaws have been in place since 2022 and apply to all the various Boards, Commissions and advisory Committees, however the only section that does not apply to the Charter Commission is the Term of Service which states that the Commission would serve a four year term. City Clerk Fresquez stated that the Charter

Commission would serve until they would review the City Charter and make recommended revisions to the Governing Body. City Clerk Fresquez further explained that she had created a timeline for the review of the Charter; however the timeline would need to be updated due to the delay in appointments and the hiring of an attorney who will guide the Commission throughout the process.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that an item be placed on the City Council's agenda requesting the Council give direction and a term of service.

Mayor Romero stated that the Commission should meet with the Governing Body as a whole but may also want to hear from each individual Councilor which was done by the prior Charter Commission, however it was completely up to the Commission as they have the authority to decide how they want to proceed with the process in making recommendations for the constitution of the City of Las Vegas as the City Charter intended that its citizens make those recommendations.

Commissioner Matt Martinez discussed the previous charter revisions and how important it is for the Governing Body to communicate with the Commission whether or not the recommendations provided are acceptable or need to be reviewed further.

New Business

1. Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Joseph Cruz made a motion to nominate Matt Martinez as the Chairperson for the Charter Commission. Commissioner Benito Pacheco seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Matt Martinez asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in being the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Arellanes stated they were all interested in serving as the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Cruz nominated Commissioner Arellanes for the position of Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Britt seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

2. Determine future dates for Charter Commission Meetings

After some discussion, City Clerk Fresquez recommended that the Charter Commission meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month. The Charter Commission agreed that the first Wednesday of every month would work for them and Commissioner Pacheco requested that the meetings start at 4:00 p.m. due to his work schedule. Commissioner Pacheco made a motion to hold the regular commission meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Cruz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Martinez requested the City Clerk Fresquez highlight the sections in the Charter that need to be reviewed and revised so that the Charter Commission will know those areas that need to be addressed.

City Clerk Fresquez stated she would do so and work closely with the attorney for guidance on the best approach on revising the entire charter.

There was discussion regarding the importance of the Charter Commission updating the Governing Body on a regular basis and engaging with the community to receive their input through public meetings.

City Clerk Fresquez asked that the Charter Commission review the City Charter in its entirety to become familiar with it by the next regular meeting.

Adjourn

Chairman Martinez entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Britt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Arellanes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Chairman Matt Martinez

Attest:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk