



**City of Albuquerque
Charter Review Task Force**

Thursday, August 28, 2008

4:00 p.m.

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center
Council Committee Room
9th Floor, Suite 9081**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present:

David Campbell
Marty Esquivel
Steve Gallegos
Chuck Gara
Laura Horton
Herb Hughes
Susan Jones
Eli II Yong Lee
Michael Passi
Vickie Perea
Dan Silva
David Standridge

Members Excused:

James Lewis
Jolene Wolfley

Councillors Present:

Brad Winter
Rey Garduño

Council/Administration Staff Present:

Laura Mason
Ed Adams
Bruce Thompson
Julian Moya
Kara Shair-Rosenfield
Marti Luick
Diana Trujeque
Tony Pedroncelli
Elizabeth Shields
Crystal Ortega

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

1. Welcome - Council President Winter

President Winter welcomed the Task Force members and stated he is looking forward to receiving their recommendations. He thanked them for serving on the Task Force. He briefly listed the charges called for in the ordinance and stated their charge "is not limited to" the items in the ordinance and that he and the other Councilors welcomed recommendations on any and all provisions in the Charter.

2. Introductions

The Task Force members and staff introduced themselves and briefly described their backgrounds.

3. Elect Interim Chair

Mr. Gallegos volunteered to serve as the Interim Chair until such time that a Chair has been selected by the City Council, as the ordinance creating the Task Force calls for. There were no objections; therefore Mr. Gallegos was selected to serve as Interim Chair.

4. Discuss Charge, Ordinance Timeline, and Time and Frequency of Meetings

Ms. Mason discussed the charge of the Task Force and the timeline called for in the ordinance. The ordinance lists five items the Council would like the Task Force to consider when reviewing the City Charter, although it also states the charge "is not limited to" those items listed in the ordinance.

The Task Force members agreed to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

5. Discuss Organization of Tasks

Mr. Gallegos requested that at a future meeting there be an expert speaker to discuss different forms of government as well as legal counsel present to address any issues that may arise.

Ms. Mason stated she is currently working on hiring an attorney and is also looking into having expert speakers at a future Task Force meeting.

6. Discuss Resources, Materials and Staffing

Ms. Mason pointed out that each member received a notebook that includes the City Charter, a list of all the Task Force members and the Council and Administration staff contact information.

7. Other Business

Mr. Esquivel requested staff obtain reports of the Charter Review Task Forces of 1988 and 1998.

Mr. Passi requested more information as to why the specific charges were in the ordinance. He stated it would be helpful to know the reasons that led to those items being highlighted in the ordinance.

8. Next Meeting

As decided by the Task Force, the next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

Mr. Gallegos requested that the Mayor and Council President be present at the next meeting to discuss key issues with the City Charter and give a brief presentation.

Ms. Jones requested an overview of the City Charter be presented at the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.