

2015 Charter Review Task Force



Summary Minutes

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015

5:00PM

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

Members Present

Robert White
Robert Stetson
Doug Antoon
Myra Segal
David Buchholtz
Nina Martinez
Laura Mason (via conference call)

Council/ Administration Staff Present

Eric Locher, City Attorney
Lindsay Burkhard, Council Staff

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 PM.

1. Roll Call

Mr. White confirms we have a quorum and summarizes

2. Public Comment

- Ms. Sean Foran from NMPIRG expresses interest in continuing the conversation on public financing.
- Ms. Heather Ferguson from NM Common Cause also expresses interest in the matching public financing program and other disclosure and transparency issues.

3. Discussion of the Task

The Task Force informally recounts the last meeting discussion and topics previously addressed by this Task Force. The Task Force discusses some of the general concerns from the Councilors as it relates to public financing. Mr. White encourages members to reach out to the Councilors, Mayor and City Attorney.

4. Other Issues to Consider

- Mr. Buchholtz discusses his proposition to look at relieving the Council of their quasi-judicial functions. Eric will reach out to City Attorney's office to get more information on this issue. The Task Force will include this topic on the next agenda.
- Myra Segal asks the Task Force to consider looking into the process of appointing members to boards and commissions in an effort to encourage equitable representation.
- Doug Antoon asks the Task Force to consider an effort to cultivate more transparency in the local government. Perhaps an IPRA office?
- Laura Mason asks the Task Force to consider a fix for the election deadlines in Federal Census years.
- The Task Force agrees to meet in two weeks on October 1, 2015.

5. Adjourn

There being no other business the Task Force adjourns at 6:12PM.