



**City of Albuquerque
Charter Review Task Force**

Thursday, September 18, 2008

5:30 p.m.

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
Basement Level**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present:

Wendy York
David Campbell
Steve Gallegos
Chuck Gara
Laura Horton
Herb Hughes
Susan Jones
Eli II Yong Lee
Michael Passi
Vickie Perea
Gloria Valencia-Weber

Members Excused:

David Standridge
James Lewis
Marty Esquivel
Dan Silva

Councillors Present:

Trudy Jones
Sally Mayer

Council/Administration Staff Present:

Laura Mason
Ed Adams
Randy Autio
Diana Trujeque
Tony Pedroncelli
Gilbert Montañó
Crystal Ortega
Luz Carreon

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Councilors Mayer and Jones greeted the Task Force members, thanked them for serving on the Task Force and discussed issues they would like the Charter Review Task Force to consider.

1. Approval of Summary Minutes – August 28, 2008 and September 4, 2008

Ms. Horton moved approval of the August 28, 2008 and September 4, 2008 summary minutes, as amended, and Mr. Lee seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a 10-0 vote, with Mr. Standridge, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Esquivel and Mr. Silva excused.

2. Presentation and Approval of Draft Work Plan

Mr. Campbell discussed the Draft Work Plan and how it was formulated by the Subcommittee.

Mr. Passi moved approval of the Work Plan, as amended, and Ms. Perea seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a 10-0 vote, with Mr. Standridge, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Esquivel and Mr. Silva excused.

3. Discuss Charter Articles:

I. Incorporation and Powers

After reviewing Article I, the Task Force concluded that no changes were needed.

VI. Charter Amendments

The Task Force reviewed and discussed the language in Article VI and asked staff to prepare proposed revisions based on the discussion. The Task Force discussed the following issues:

1. Whether format or stylistic changes could or should be made by the Task Force;
2. Whether Charter Amendments initiated by the Council should require more than a majority vote of the Council to be placed on the ballot;
3. Whether the provision that sets forth the number of signatures needed for the “petition method” should be changed because it is based on a number that fluctuates greatly depending on the type of election that preceded the petition effort;
4. Whether a provision should be added to ensure the ballot proposal and the summary of the proposal are consistent when an amendment is initiated by the Council.

XIV. Severability

After reviewing Article XIV, the Task Force concluded that no changes were needed.

4. Other Business

After discussion, the Task Force agreed to televise the meetings at which public comment would be taken and designated four meetings for that purpose. The Task Force agreed that

those meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, and that all other meetings will be held in the 9th floor Council Committee Room.

The meetings at which public comment will be taken are: October 2, October 16, January 15 and March 19.

The Task Force requested staff to compose a letter inviting different organizations to speak at any of the four meetings during which public comment will be taken.

Staff distributed information regarding Charters from other municipalities.

5. Next Meeting – October 2, 2008

Chair York stated the next meeting, as called for in the Work Plan, will be on October 2, 2008, and the Task Force will be voting on Articles I, VI, and XIV.

Staff distributed the articles that will be discussed at the October 2, 2008 meeting:

- VIII. Prohibition of Discrimination & Protection of Human Rights
- IX. Protection of the Environment
- XV. Electricity Franchises

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.