



**City of Albuquerque
Charter Review Task Force**

Thursday, September 4, 2008

5:30 p.m.

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

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
James Lewis

Councillors Present:

Brad Winter
Debbie O'Malley
Rey Garduño

Council/Administration Staff Present:

Laura Mason
Ed Adams
Marti Luick
Diana Trujeque
Kelly Sanchez-Pare
Tony Pedroncelli
Scott Forrester
Elizabeth Shields
Crystal Ortega
Luz Carreon

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

1. Background of O-08-42 and Charter Issues – Council President Brad Winter and Vice President Debbie O'Malley

President Winter welcomed the Task Force members and thanked the group for being present. He discussed reasons for sponsoring O-08-42.

Councilor Garduño and O'Malley greeted the Task Force members and discussed topics for the Charter Review Task Force to consider.

At the request of the Task Force, the Councilors agreed to provide a letter with issues that should be reviewed by the Task Force.

2. Charter Issues – Mayor Martin J. Chavez

Mayor Chavez commended the Task Force members for their participation and discussed topics for the Charter Review Task Force to consider.

At the request of the Task Force, Mayor Chavez agreed to formalize his comments into a letter regarding issues within the Charter.

3. Brief Overview of Charter and Provisions Related to Task Force Charge - Staff

Ms. Mason provided a handout and gave a brief overview of the structure of the City Charter.

Ms. Mason stated that different groups are currently looking at public financing provisions of the Charter to check for problems that arose in the last election.

4. Old Business

a. Distribution of 1989 & 1999 Reports

Staff distributed the 1989 and 1999 Charter Review Task Force reports to each Task Force member.

b. Status of Presenters/Experts

Ms. Mason stated that the City Attorney and City Clerk will help staff the Task Force and will be available to speak at a future meeting. Bill Fulginiti, Director of the New Mexico Municipal League, and out of town experts will be available to present at the October 6th meeting.

Ms. Mason reported that a contract is under way with an attorney to assist with legal issues and stated that the issue of the legality of “at-large” councilors will be referred to the attorneys.

c. Distribution of Supplemental Information

Staff distributed supplemental information regarding the current salaries of the Mayor and Councilors.

5. New Business

Mr. Gallegos requested a list of changes made to the Charter, and a list of cities functioning under a different form of government. He also requested that the letters requested from the Mayor and Council be given to the Task Force 3 days prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Hughes requested a list of the concerns of all Council members be included in the Council letter, and a list of all the items that the Councilors have in common.

The Task Force requested formation of a sub-committee to create a work plan for the Task Force.

Mr. Gallegos requested a show of hands for members to serve on the sub-committee. The sub-committee members are as follows: Mr. Standridge, Ms. Jones, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Passi, Mr. Gallegos and Vickie Perea. Staff is to work with the Subcommittee members to schedule a meeting prior to the next meeting of the Task Force.

Ms. Jones requested a link on the Charter Review Task Force page to allow public comment.

6. Next Meeting – September 18, 2008

The Task Force discussed and then requested to have all their meetings televised on GOV16, allowing public comment at a date to be determined.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.