

# 2015 Charter Review Task Force



## Summary Minutes

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**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

**5:00PM**

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

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### **Members Present**

Robert White  
Laura Mason  
Bruce Thompson  
Robert Stetson  
Doug Antoon  
Steven Allen (via phone)  
David Buchholtz  
Nina Martinez

### **Council/ Administration Staff Present**

Eric Locher, City Attorney's Office  
Hessel Yntema IV, City Attorney's Office  
Lindsay Burkhard, Council Staff

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

### **1. Roll Call**

Mr. White, Task Force Chair calls roll.

- Paul Kienzle for Justine Fox-Young and David A. Garcia
- Laura Mason for Steve Gallegos and Myra Segal
- Doug Antoon for Jerry Evans

### **2. Public Comment/Public Presentations**

- Viki Harrison addresses the Task Force
- Tad Niemyjski addresses the Task Force
- Susan Boe addresses the Task Force

### **3. Final Consideration of Article XIII:**

Mr. Buchholtz addresses the Task Force with new information about case law as it relates to registration and campaign reporting. Mr. White makes a motion to put back the language relating to independent expenditures. The Task Force discusses the issue further before taking a final vote to put section J back into the recommendation.

The Task force voted on a 7 to 6 vote to put Independent expenditures back into the final recommendation.

### **4. Final Consideration of Article XVI:**

**After a discussion on changes to the public financing and other related provisions**

The Task Force voted on a 9 to 5 vote to recommend the final proposal for Article XVI to the Council for consideration.

### **5. Reconsideration of previous matters**

Ms. Mason introduces a revision to The Duties of the Mayor to clarify that both appointments and reappointments for positions that require the advice and consent of council by a two-thirds majority shall be for a four year term that coincides and terminates with the term of the Mayor. Further, the four year term of the City Attorney and City Clerk shall end after four years even if the Mayor making the appointment is reelected. A City Attorney/City Clerk appointed to fill a vacant City Attorney/City Clerk position shall only fill the remainder of the term of the City Attorney/City Clerk vacating the position. An appointee or reappointee who does not receive the consent of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Council shall not serve or act as the City Attorney/City Clerk, and the Mayor shall select and appoint another City Attorney/City Clerk.

The Task Force voted on a 7 to 6 vote in favor of recommending this revision to Council.

### **6. Other Business**

Ms. Mason asks the Task Force to consider putting language in the report stating that they would like to look at redistricting and the election calendar.

Mr. White asks the Task Force if they wish to extend the meeting.

The Task Force voted on a 9 to 4 vote to extend the life of the Task Force until December 31, 2015.

Mr. White asks that any minority report be distributed before 10 am on June 12, 2015 to be included in the final report.

There being no other business, the Task Force moved to adjourn at 6:12 PM.