



MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
CHARTER COMMITTEE

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Hillside Room

10890 San Pablo Avenue

El Cerrito, CA 94530

Roll Call

Committee Members Eizenberg, Fadelli, Keller, Lyman, Moore and Chair Patterson all present. City Manager Hanin and City Attorney Woodruff also present.

Convene Special Charter Committee meeting.

Chairperson Patterson convened the Charter Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.

1. Oral Communications from the Public for Items Not on the Agenda – No speakers

2. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the meetings of February 26, 2018.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Keller) and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

3. Overview of City Charter Process

Summary of Initial Presentation to Charter Committee.

Presenter: Scott Hanin, City Manager

Action: Received presentation.

4. Review and possible Direction on Draft City Charter and preamble

A. The City Attorney will review the draft charter, receive comments and possible direction/recommendation toward its completion for City Council consideration.

B. Discussion and comments for City Council consideration related to items in the Charter including but not limited to the Real Property Transfer Tax.

C. Comments from the Public.

Presenter: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney.

Speakers: Takashi Ikidoh asked for information regarding the charter process.

Judith Tannenbaum, El Cerrito, stated that she liked the use of the terms “tools and toolbox” in the proposed preamble.

Actions: Discussion held. The Committee by mutual consensus, agreed to the following modifications of the Draft Charter, Version 2:

- Section 101 – Eliminate the word “~~peculiarly~~” and proposed language “about the matters addressed in this Charter.”
- Section 102(b) – Approved language proposed by the City Attorney and City Manager.
- Section 203 – Approved language proposed by the City Attorney and City Manager and correct numerical paragraph formatting within the section.

The Committee discussed the Statement of Purpose (Draft Preamble) and provided the City Attorney and City Manager with a conceptual framework in which to further revise language in the Statement of Purpose for the Committee’s review.

Committee members also discussed what options for rebates or waivers related to the property transfer tax would be presented to the City Council when it considers the ordinance.

5. Items for next meeting

Action: The Committee will review a revised Statement of Purpose and Draft Charter and provide possible direction to staff regarding recommendations to the City Council.

The Committee also discussed its upcoming meeting schedule and agreed by mutual consensus to discuss the meeting schedule on March 22, 2018.

6. Adjourned at 10:52 a.m.