

San José Charter Review Commission: Governance Structure Subcommittee Meeting Agenda & Notes

Meeting Details

Date/Time	9/8/2021
Topics Covered	Order of recommendation memos for presentation
Notices or Questions for Commission	

Meeting Agenda (90 mins)

- I. Roll call - [Christina Johnson](#), [Linda LeZotte](#), Frank Maitiski, Louis Barocio, Maria Fuentes, Lan Diep, Barbara Marshman, Elly Matsumura
 - A. Absent: Jeremy Barousse
- II. Brief update from each Commissioner on work since last Subcommittee meeting (*5 mins*)
- III. Review of public comment received via City Clerk's office (*10 mins*)
- IV. Review of new potential topics (from Commission assignment or public comment) and revision of topic list (*10 mins*)
- V. Discussion of topics (*45 mins*)

Notes:

At the end of the meeting participants agreed to hold an extended meeting on Sept. 15 that will start at 4:30. At that meeting, all recommendations and documents will be finalized for submission on Sept. 17 and presentation to the Commission on Sept. 20. Linda informed that she would be out of town on Sept. 15.

The meeting goal was to moved closer to agreement on Subcommittee topics, their content and format of either a Charter revision or a written memo to the Mayor and City Council.

As agreed by the Subcommittee, below are the topics in the order of their presentation to the Commission. And Subcommittee conclusions as of this meeting:

Power of the Mayor – Final draft recommendation by Jeremy. There is not complete agreement by Subcommittee, but recommendation will move to Commission as written without dissent.

Mayor’s Emergency Power – Final draft of City Charter recommendation by Linda. Agreement by Subcommittee. Recommendation will move to Commission as written.

City Budget – Maria will finalize a memo to the Mayor and City Council recommending they attend to the deficit caused by long term unfunded liability which causes City to maintain a D rating. Upon the presentation to the Commission on Equity on Sept. 9, this area may be expanded. (More discussion at Sept. 17 meeting.)

Expanding City Council Seats – Barbara will draft a document that includes the various views expressed by the Subcommittee. Some Subcommittee considerations: no change; a limited increase of two seats; timely inclusion on the ballot so 2031 redistricting can incorporate the new seats. The Subcommittee recommendation may be a City Charter change. (More discussion at Sept. 17 meeting.)

City Charter Commission – Final draft recommendation by Frank. Subcommittee will submit considerations for future commission structure. Recommendation will move to Commission as written.

VI. Next steps (5 mins)

- A. Finalizing recommendation memos within subcommittee for submission on 9/17