

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

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Meeting Details

Date/Time	10/6/2021
Topics Covered	Governance Structure, Hiring and Dismissing Department Heads
Notices or Questions for Commission	

Meeting Agenda (90 mins)

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

Expanding City Council Districts

- Got records from Lee Wilcox's office and they are preparing information for Barbara
- Looking at getting figures about how much adding additional council offices, opportunities to reduce costs for each council office since districts will shrink by a small percentage. The costs are not the barrier thought might be.
- Denver decided not to move forward with a ballot measure, they proposed taking two at-large seats and incorporate them into districts. Voters didn't like it because the at-large elected officials are accessible to all residents, and instead of having one councilmember, they have three.
- Denver districts each have roughly 68,000 constituents, which was the rough amount San Jose had back when they created districts in 1980.
- Recommend that redistricting look at adding districts by the next Census count. Would like to figure out how to make it more than just a suggestion.
- Should add it to part of Frank's memo and make it part of the charge for the charter review commission. Find the right place in the charter of where to include it. Every 10 years city should assess if it should add districts.
- Put something in the charter that includes an assessment of adding districts in conjunction with redistricting. Whatever we put forward should be something that gives community groups leverage to come forward and give their input.
- Make a recommendation in the minority report that the council have a study session during the next charter review.
- We're not saying that council or redistricting should recommend addition of districts, but give them the power to look at redistricting.
- Barbara will check in with Mark, to look at how to add to the charge in the charter about redistricting. Redistricting can't make decision to add districts, but need to have some sense of how the districts are shaping up in order to make a decision to add districts.
- We will have some fresh data from the census, we don't need to have it in a charter, elected officials or the mayor can lead an initiative to add council seats. Voters can lead the cause at any time

Powers Through Budget Authority - Maria Fuentes

- Bob Brownstein's amendment on equity will be used by the Subcommittee on Policing. Revised recommendations so they refer to the current memo
- Making recommendations that would add article 20 to certain provisions of the charter, under the City Manager, Mayor, and city council provisions to look at budget with equity lens.
- Really about taking Equity Article and using it to use the city to look at the budget with equity lens.
- How can we add more teeth to the principals of equity

- Can we add more equity to the actual budget process, not sure if the charter is the place for it but flesh out more about how we get more community input and community stakeholders, similar to what our commission did for the input process
- Worried about putting language in documents that could be actionable.
- Worried how this would play out in an equity definition and a little uncomfortable with it.
- Maria tried to take content from the charter and from there added an equity lens to take it to another level. Maria can take the introduction out, another option is to wait for the next Joint Venture SV report that is due to come out to look at the numbers.
- Liccardo holds at least 5-6 meetings about the budget throughout the city. These meetings aren't well attended. The afternoon the council votes on it there is also a public hearing. Equity in budget making is difficult to put in practice. Councilmembers start fighting over who has the better park and who has less potholes.
- This recommendation is not intended to address the budget process it's about the Mayor, Council, and City Manager are what they responsible for doing. Best option in moving this forward is to hear what PMLAI is recommending and potentially adding this as an amendment.

VII. Next steps (5 mins)

A. Drafting of Recommendation Memos

- Maria will do more research on the topic and come back with a recommendation at a future meeting
- Maria will explain more the language that she is recommending.

B. Next meeting will start at 4:15pm to accommodate Linda and Elly. Ray Riordan from the City's Emergency Management Services will be presenting and answering questions.

Tool A

Subject: Emergency Powers

Presenter Key Points	Agree/Expansion	Disagree/Wondering	Next Step
Key point 1 - Prefilled by presenter			
Key point 2 - Prefilled by presenter			
Key point 3 - Prefilled by presenter			
Key point 4 - Prefilled by presenter			

Tool B - List Model

Subject: Emergency Powers

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Tool C - Jam Board

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