

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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MARCH 17, 2016 STYLE COMMITTEE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM HONOLULU HALE

MINUTES

Style Committee Members Present:

Donna Ikeda, Chair
Paul T. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Nathan T. Okubo
R. Brian Tsujimura

Style Committee Members Excused/Absent:

Guy K. Fujimura

Others Present:

- Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Derek Mayeshiro, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Duane Pang, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Linda Luli Nakasone Oamilda, Executive Administrator, Honolulu Charter Commission
- Mary James, Research Analyst, Honolulu Charter Commission
- Norma Reyes, Secretary, Honolulu Charter Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Paul Oshiro, Nathan Okubo, Donna Ikeda

With a quorum present, Chair Ikeda called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Deliberation and decision-making on Proposals 2, 33, 34, 35, 36, 42, 43, 48, 77, 79, 80, 82, 87, 89, 90, 91, 104.

Chair Ikeda confirmed for Commissioner Oshiro that the committee will be approving the Ramseyer version of the proposals listed in the agenda.

Proposal No. 2: Commissioner Oshiro explained that the proposal will increase the number of days in which the special election needs to be held from 60-80 for City Council, and 60-120 for the Prosecuting Attorney and Mayor and the Ramseyer version appears to be in order. Chair Ikeda noted that the proposals will be sent to COR after the Committee approves each proposal. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 2. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 33: Commissioner Oshiro commented that the Ramseyer version of the proposal reflects the intent of the proposal to allow for timely filling of a vacancy on the Council through appointment and to hold special elections concurrent with the following general election. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 33. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 34: Commissioner Oshiro commented that the Ramseyer version expresses the intent of the proposal to require the publication of a new edition of the Charter following each Charter Commission. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 34. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 35: Commissioner Oshiro noted that this proposal deals with the Reapportionment Commission to clarify or repeal language reflecting the non-partisan nature of the Commission. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 35. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 36: Commissioner Oshiro noted the intent of the proposal was to clarify the submission date of the Charter Commission proposals to the city clerk in light of recent federal mandates regarding timeliness of ballots being mailed overseas. He also noted that the Ramseyer version meets the intent of the proposal and moved to approve Proposal No. 36. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 42: Commissioner Oshiro noted that the proposal prohibits members of a Neighborhood Board to concurrently serve on the Neighborhood Commission to insure the impartiality of the Neighborhood Commission. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 42. Commissioner Okubo moved to amend the motion to change the word “shall” to “may”. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion to amend the proposal. Hearing no objections, the motion to amend passed. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the amended Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 42. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 43: Commissioner Oshiro noted the purpose of the proposal to create two tiers of voting on the recommended salaries by the Salary Commission. Commissioner Oshiro moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 43. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 48: Commissioner Okubo noted that this proposal is an amendment to the Charter to include sustainability and resource protection and that it matches the Ramseyer format. Commissioner Okubo moved to approve the Ramseyer version of Proposal No. 48. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Commissioner Tsujimura noted the typographical error was corrected, from “sued” to “used”. Chair Ikeda recalled that during the Commission meeting discussion, Commissioner Tsujimura expressed concerns regarding the terms “sustainable” and “protecting natural resources”. Commissioner Oshiro withdrew his motion and Commissioner Okubo withdrew his second. Commissioner Oshiro then moved to defer Proposal No. 48. Commissioner Okubo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Chair Ikeda announced that Proposal No. 77 will be taken up at the end of the calendar.

Proposal No. 79: Commissioner Okubo noted the purpose of the proposal regarding approval of contracts by Corporation Counsel and moved to approve the Ramseyer format. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 80: Commissioner Okubo noted that the purpose of the proposal is to give the Mayor authority to designate alternate individuals to sign certain documents and moved to approve the Ramseyer format. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Chair Ikeda noted that during the Commission meeting, it was her understanding that the proposal was revised to delete “other officer”. Commissioner Tsujimura pointed out the following clause which also includes “other officer” and felt that it matches the previous section. Chair Ikeda raised further questions and it was agreed to defer the proposal. Commissioner Oshiro moved to defer the proposal. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 82: Commissioner Okubo explained that the proposal concerns the responsibilities and duties of the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM). He recalled that it might be similar to Proposal 77 which was deferred to the end of calendar. Commissioner Tsujimura moved to defer to the end of calendar. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 87: Chair Ikeda noted that the proposal increases the number of members on the Fire Commission from 5 to 7. Commissioner Okubo noted that the proposal matches the Ramseyer format and moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 89: Commissioner Okubo explained that the proposal changes the title of the Neighborhood Board “Executive Secretary” to “Executive Director” and noted that the proposal

matches the Ramseyer format and moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 90: Commissioner Okubo explained the amendments in the proposal regarding centralized purchasing and other housekeeping changes which match the Ramseyer format and moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 91: Commissioner Okubo explained the amendments which change the Citizens Advisory Commission on Civil Defense to Emergency Management which matches the Ramseyer format and moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 104: Commissioner Okubo explained the amendments which relate to boards and Commissions adding a proviso that all members shall be equal numbers of male and female in the proposal which matches the Ramseyer format and moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Chair Ikeda noted that the term “when practicable” was added. Commissioner Tsujimura noted a possible discrepancy in boards which require certain expertise. Commissioner Okubo suggested that the Commission discussion be reviewed for direction. Commissioner Tsujimura suggested asking Corporation Counsel for appropriate language. Commissioner Oshiro moved to defer the proposal. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal Nos. 77 and 82:

Ross Sasamura, Director and Chief Engineer, DFM, testified in support of Proposal 82 and explained that Proposal 82 contains housekeeping language regarding vehicle fleet maintenance and covers the stormwater quality responsibilities which were transferred to DFM as of July 1, 2015. He added that the language in Proposal 82 should mirror the language in Proposal 77. Chair Ikeda noted that the sections in Proposal No. 82 are identical to Proposal No. 77 and suggested that Proposal 82 is not necessary. Commissioner Tsujimura moved that Proposal 82 be deleted as duplicative. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Proposal No. 77: Commissioner Okubo explained the amendments in the proposal to revise a number of sections affecting various city departments which matches the Ramseyer format and moved to approve the proposal. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Chair Ikeda summarized that Proposals 48 and 104 were deferred to the next meeting and proposal 82 is included in Proposal 77 and, therefore, was deleted. Since no P.I.G. has submitted any report yet, no further proposals have been approved by the Commission to be sent to the Style Committee.

Commissioner Oshiro inquired about the possibility of holding the approved proposals in Style Committee in case similar proposals are received and can then be reviewed together. Chair

Ikeda expressed her concern that the proposals continue moving in the process to the next committee so that questions can be prepared for the ballot.

DCOR Mayeshiro explained that the committee can pass it out to the full Commission. At that point the Commission has the option to send it back to Style Committee, or to COR for review, or to a third party for additional input. He would like to be sure that the record is clear regarding all the proposals and the motions and the voting. Due to DCOR's clarification Commissioner Oshiro withdrew his suggestion. DCOR Mayeshiro further clarified that, as part of the process, at some point all approved proposals will be reviewed by COR.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ikeda announced that the next meeting will be announced when more proposals are sent to Style Committee.

IV. With no further business, Chair Ikeda adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.