

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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STYLE COMMITTEE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM HONOLULU HALE

July 5, 2016

MINUTES

Style Committee Members Present:

Donna Ikeda, Chair
Paul T. Oshiro, Vice Chair
Nathan T. Okubo
R. Brian Tsujimura

Style Committee Member(s) Absent/Excused:

Guy Fujimura

Style Committee Non-Voting Member(s) Present:

Kevin Mulligan, Charter Commission Vice-Chair

Others Present:

Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Dana Viola, 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

Testifiers:

Mahealani Cypher
Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer, Board of Water Supply

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Roll Call was unnecessary as it was done earlier at its 1:55 p.m. meeting reconvened from its June 30, 2016, Style Committee meeting. The same committee members were present at this meeting which continued immediately following adjournment of the June 30, 2016, continuation. The Committee members present were: Nathan Okubo, Paul Oshiro, Rick Tsujimura, Donna Ikeda and Kevin Mulligan.

With a quorum present, Chair Ikeda called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The following proposals from the Combined Report on the Findings and Recommendations of:

- *The Permitted Interaction Group Established to Review Proposals Relating to Oversight and Powers Over Specific Function; and*
- *The Permitted Interaction Group Established to Review the Request by Mayor Caldwell Sent on April 27, 2016, Relating to the Grant in Aid Fund*

have been posted in anticipation of the action to be taken by the Charter Commission at its June 30, 2016, meeting. The Style Committee may or may not take action on any of the following proposals:

- *Proposal No. 4 to empower the City Council to remove the Corporation Counsel by a vote of two-thirds of the entire Council membership.*
- *Proposal No. 6 to provide more City Council oversight of Board of Water Supply.*
- *Proposal No. 20 to Subject Board of Water Supply Board to oversight by the City Council and to Charter standards of conduct.*
- *Proposal No. 29 to establish budget autonomy for the Prosecuting Attorney.*
- *Proposal No. 78 to clarify that Council and the Mayor, upon approval of Council, may establish special funds.*
- *Proposal No. 88 to clarify that additional revenues for Board of Water Supply may come from land and property development.*

- *Proposal No C-4 to clarify the annual amount of the appropriation to the Grants in Aid Fund.*
- *New Proposal to require the Board of Water Supply to seek Council approval before issuing revenue bonds and, to advise the Council if rates are being amended, and to hold public hearings before new rates are implemented or approved.*
- *New Proposal to delete the Grants in Aid Fund.*
- *New Proposal to clarify the authority of Council and the Mayor.*

Testimony:

Mahealani Cypher testified in opposition to Proposals 6, 20, 88, and the new proposal regarding the Board of Water Supply (BWS). She recited the history of BWS and justification with regard to its semi-autonomy.

Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer, Board of Water Supply, testified that he will submit substantive testimony at the next Commission meeting and had submitted suggested amendments at the last Commission meeting.

Chair Ikeda reviewed the agenda items.

Proposal 4

This proposal was held by the full Commission as of June 30, 2014.

Proposals 6 or 20

The Committee has no proposal for either of these.

Proposal 29

This proposal relates to budget autonomy for the Prosecuting Attorney.

At 2:22 p.m., Committee Chair Ikeda called a recess.

At 2:43 p.m., Committee Chair Ikeda called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Tsujimura moved that Proposal 29 be approved. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Proposal 78.

Commissioner Tsujimura explained Proposal 78 regarding special funds, noting that the full text, as amended, is in the report of the permitted interaction group (P.I.G.). Chair Ikeda explained that this proposal would provide that, in addition to the funds established by the Charter, the City Council or the Mayor upon the approval of City Council would be able to establish other funds when no appropriate class of funds exists. The Deputy Corporation Counsel explained his understanding of the P.I.G. Report and the action by the Commission, and noted that the proposal would go back to the Corporation Counsel at which time any corrections could be made. Commissioner Tsujimura moved that the proposal contained in the P.I.G. Report as amended by the Commission be approved. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The following Proposal has been posted in anticipation of the action to be taken by the Charter Commission at its June 30, 2016, meeting. The Style Committee may or may not take action on Proposal 77 to add planning, engineering, design, construction, and installation to the Departments of Design and Construction, Enterprise Services, Environmental Services, Facility Maintenance, Transportation Services; Information Technology, and Parks and Recreation.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The following Proposal has been posted in anticipation of the action to be taken by the Charter Commission at its June 30, 2016, meeting. The Style Committee may or may not take action on:

- *Proposal No. 81 to provide for dimensional zoning variance criteria.*
- *Proposal No. C-3 to establish a Honolulu Zoo Fund to consist of 0.5 percent of the estimated real property tax revenues and to designate how the Fund may be used.*

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Ikeda announced that currently there is no scheduled meeting, but she does not intend to waive jurisdiction over any proposals regardless of deadlines. She also asked committee members to carefully review the two proposals regarding the Board of

Water Supply and the revisions recommended by BWS, which she does not read as the same.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Committee Chair Ikeda recessed the meeting at 2:52 p.m.