

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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SUBMISSION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM HONOLULU HALE

August 2, 2016

MINUTES

Submission and Information Committee Members Present:

John D. Waihee, III, Chair
Cheryl D. Soon, Vice Chair
Kevin Mulligan
Nathan Okubo (arrived at 3:39 p.m.)

Submission and Information Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Reginald V. Castanares, Jr.

Others Present:

Donna Leong, Corporation Counsel
Amy Kondo, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Dana Viola, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Kamilla Chan, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Megan Muramatsu, Managing Director's Office
John Williamson, writer, Anthology Marketing Group
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: Kevin Mulligan, John Waihee, Cheryl Soon

With a quorum present, Governor Waihee called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Testimony:

None.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discussion and decision-making on a recommended action plan to acquaint the electorate with the proposed Charter amendments; potentially includes print campaign, mail campaign, online outreach, media appearances and community informational events, technical assistance with each of the preceding tasks as well as written explanatory information for the proposals (summary of each proposal and a brief narrative explaining the current situation and the situation if a proposal is adopted by the electorate).

Governor Waihee explained that the working booklet contains the proposals, original proposals, suggested amendments by the Department of the Corporation Counsel (COR), and suggested amendments by the Managing Director's Office (MD). The Committee's task is to consolidate each proposal into one sheet for consideration at the next Commission meeting the following afternoon with the assistance of John Williamson, Megan Muramatsu of the MD's office and a representative of COR.

Commissioner Mulligan moved to convene into executive session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sec. 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Committee's attorneys regarding the Committee's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in connection with the draft plain English questions and written explanatory information for the 27 final proposals. Commissioner Soon seconded the motion. There were no objections. Governor Waihee requested that John Williamson and Megan Muramatsu be allowed to participate in the executive session. There were no objections to this request

At 3:39 p.m. the Committee convened into executive session.

At 3:55 p.m. Governor Waihee called the meeting back into session.

Commissioner Okubo moved that *????? (there must have been a discussion after the executive session and before the recording went on)* Vice Chair Mulligan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Commissioner Soon raised the issue of capitalization. Deputy Corporation Counsel Kondo noted that her office defers to the style and format of the existing Charter. Governor Waihee noted that the Ramseyer version should follow the existing Charter. But for public information and the question itself, the style should be upper case. Commissioner Soon moved to use the upper case style for public information but the actual Charter language would follow the format in the Charter. Vice Chair Mulligan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Governor Waihee requested that Mr. Williamson, Ms. Muramatsu and COR review the 20 ballot proposals and reduce each to one sheet. Commissioner Soon moved that the Committee continue to use the digest along with the question, and other provisions. Vice Chair Mulligan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Commissioner Soon noted that the proposals will need renumbering for the ballot, a short title and the subject matter. She added that the proposals are currently grouped into four groups as follows and suggested the corresponding numbers noted below as “Ballot Question...”:

Group 1: transparency fairness and public confidence

Proposal 39 (ethics commission salaries) Ballot question 1

Proposal 44 (term limits) Ballot question 2

Proposals C-1 and C-2 (Police Commission) Ballot question 3

Group 2: meet future challenges

Proposal 54 (functional plans) Ballot question 4

Proposals 48 and 73 (climate change) Ballot question 5

Proposal 76A (rail and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)) Ballot question 6

Proposal C-5 (Department of Land Management) Ballot question 7

Group 3: efficiency, effectiveness, fiscal responsibility

Proposal 29 (Prosecuting Attorney’s budget) Ballot question 8

Proposal 40 (sunsetting of commissions) Ballot question 9

Proposal 78 (special funds) Ballot question 10

Proposal 116 (Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund) Ballot question 11

Proposal C-3 (Honolulu Zoo Fund) Ballot question 12

Proposal C-7 (Grant in Aid Fund) Ballot question 13

Proposal 2 (timing of special elections) Ballot question 14

Proposal 3 (affordable housing) Ballot question 15

Proposal 77 (small design construction projects) Ballot question 16

Proposal 80 (delegation of Mayor’s signature) Ballot question 17

Proposals 86 and 87 (fire department) Ballot question 18
Proposal 35 (reapportionment) Ballot question 19

Group 4: housekeeping
Ballot question 20

The Committee discussed the placement and order of the questions and made the following adjustments:

Proposal C-3 (Honolulu Zoo Fund) was changed to Ballot question 9
Proposal 40 (boards and commissions evaluations) was changed to Ballot question 12
Proposal 76A (rail and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)) was changed to Ballot question 1
Proposal 39 (Ethics Commission salaries) was changed to Ballot question 6
Proposal 44 (term limits) was changed to Ballot question 15
Proposal 3 (affordable housing) was changed to Ballot question 2

Commissioner Soon suggested that these changes may require changes to the titles of the groups but it was noted that there will most likely be additional edits as their work progresses and those changes can be considered then.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discussion and decision-making on the recommended ballot language for the 27 final proposals; includes the plain English question for each, suggested ordering of questions, and grouping of certain questions.

See above discussion and decision-making.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee anticipates convening in Executive Session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sec. 92-5(a)(4) to consult with its attorneys regarding the committee's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in connection with the draft plain English questions and written explanatory information for the 27 final proposals.

See above.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Governor Waihee discussed the hiring of a public relations firm. Governor Waihee recessed the meeting to Wednesday, August 3rd, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Committee Meeting Room.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at this time, Governor Waihee recessed the meeting at 4:17 p.m.