

Item # SA

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: July 8, 2008

Agenda Date Requested: July 17, 2008

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Donna DePauw, Chair - Charter Review Committee

Subject Title: Status report and briefing on the work of the Charter Review Committee.

Staff Summary: The Charter Review Committee will provide a briefing of their meetings held on March 25, 2008, April 22, 2008 and May 20, 2008.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)
☐ Resolution ☐ Ordinance
☐ Formal Action/Motion ☒ Other (Specify) Status Report Only

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: ☐ Yes (XX) No

Recommended Board Action: No Action, report only

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: n/a

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: n/a

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Explanation of Impact: n/a.

Funding Source: n/a

Alternatives: n/a

Supporting Material: Charter Review Committee meeting minutes for March 25, 2008, April 22, 2008 and May 20, 2008.

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Charter Review Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna DePauw
Vice Chairperson Ron Allen
Joan Andreas
Steve Platt
Steve Suwe

STAFF: Melanie Bruketta, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0009) - Chairperson DePauw called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Members Adler and Lincoln were absent.

B. ACTION TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (1-0016) - Chairperson DePauw called for nominations for chair. **Vice Chairperson Allen nominated Donna DePauw. Member Andreas seconded the nomination.** Chairperson DePauw called for additional nominations and, when none were forthcoming, a vote on the pending nomination. **Nomination carried 5-0.** Chairperson DePauw thanked the committee members and called for nominations for vice chair. **Member Suwe nominated Ron Allen. Member Platt seconded the nomination.** Chairperson DePauw called for additional nominations and, when none were forthcoming, a vote on the pending nomination. **Nomination carried 5-0.**

C. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW (1-0039) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. Ms. Bruketta encouraged the committee members to review the most current edition of the Nevada Open Meeting Law manual on the Attorney General's website. She cautioned the committee members against walking quorums, i.e., discussing committee business with other committee members by e-mail or telephone. She provided direction with regard to communicating with her and the method by which she would, in turn, communicate with the other committee members. At Chairperson DePauw's request, she provided her telephone number. Member Platt acknowledged a familiarity with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0093) - None.

E. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER (1-0101) - Chairperson DePauw introduced Member Platt, who provided background information on his Carson City residence, employment, and community involvement. Chairperson DePauw thanked Member Platt for his service to the committee.

F. REVIEW OF 2006 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE ITEMS (1-0123) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item, referred to the pertinent agenda materials, and entertained questions or comments. She requested to review the May 19, 2006 letter from former City Manager Linda Ritter

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referenced in conjunction with the May 23, 2006 committee action listed on the table included in the agenda materials. She inquired as to a charter amendment presented by former City Manager Linda Ritter and approved by the Board of Supervisors. In response to a question, Ms. King explained that the table included in the agenda materials only included items which were agendized and acted upon by the committee in 2006. Ms. Bruketta acknowledged the Board of Supervisors' prerogative to amend the charter without committee review.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO PROHIBIT A RELATIVE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM WORKING IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (1-0191) -

Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta advised that the subject item was agendized at the request of Supervisor Livermore. She advised of having conducted research based on the agenda item, and distributed to the committee members and staff an Attorney General's Opinion. She provided background information on the case law cited in the opinion, and advised that the Attorney General opined it would be a violation of one's constitutional rights to require them to leave their job because someone in their family is elected or appointed to an office. Ms. Bruketta advised of anti-nepotism laws in the State of Nevada, which are also cited in the opinion. She further advised that the Attorney General noted the potential for conflicts of interest from which the elected official would be required to recuse themselves.

Vice Chairperson Allen suggested deferring the item until such time as Supervisor Livermore could be present. He expressed understanding for the concern, but didn't see any reason for recommending a charter amendment. Member Platt expressed an interest in hearing from Supervisor Livermore as well. He noted that the agenda item was limited to the City Manager's Office and suggested an elected official could also exert influence in other City departments. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta advised that a spouse would be considered within the third degree of affinity. At Vice Chairperson Allen's request, she agreed to research the details of the third degree of consanguinity and affinity. Member Suwe also expressed an interest in hearing from Supervisor Livermore, but suggested taking action at the next meeting, whether or not Supervisor Livermore is available to attend, in order to avoid prolonging this item. **Vice Chairperson Allen moved to defer this item until the next meeting so that Supervisor Livermore could be present.** Chairperson DePauw advised she would request Supervisor Livermore's attendance at the next meeting. Ms. Bruketta requested the committee members to review the opinion and case law she had provided. The committee members thanked her for providing the information. **Member Suwe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO INCLUDE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER (1-0343) -

Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta read into the record a portion of Carson City Charter Section 3.020, and noted that the Board of Supervisors is charged with delineating the City Manager's duties. She advised there is a job description for the City Manager. In response to a question, Chairperson DePauw advised that the Board of Supervisors was informed of the committee's meeting schedule. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta and Ms. King indicated that, to date, no other items had been requested to be agendized before the committee.

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Member Platt pointed out the purpose of the charter to provide authorization for elected / appointed positions, and that specific job duties would be delineated elsewhere. Vice Chairperson Allen agreed. Member Suwe noted the specificity, in the charter, of the duties listed for the Clerk and other elected officials. Vice Chairperson Allen noted these duties were specified in the statute and incorporated into the charter. Member Suwe expressed an interest in hearing from Supervisor Livermore with regard to his concerns over this item. Member Platt suggested the probability of the City Manager's responsibilities being periodically revised. Vice Chairperson Allen pointed out that the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Sheriff, and the Assessor are elected officials; the City Manager is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. In response to a comment, Ms. Bruketta advised that appointment of a City Manager is provided at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. Member Platt expressed hesitation over "cluttering the charter with line items in a job description." Vice Chairperson Allen agreed. **Member Suwe moved to defer this item until such time as Supervisor Livermore could attend a meeting. Member Andreas seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Ms. Bruketta offered to contact the City Manager and request his attendance at a future meeting. Chairperson DePauw requested to review the City Manager's job description.

I. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO PROHIBIT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES WITHIN THE CITY WITHOUT CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPROVAL (1-0477) - Chairperson DePauw introduced and provided background information on this item. Discussion took place to determine the Board of Supervisors meeting date at which an item was presented by former City Manager Linda Ritter recommending an amendment to the City Charter. Ms. Bruketta suggested researching the Board of Supervisors agendas from August and September of 2006. In response to a comment, she suggested requesting Supervisor Livermore to provide the committee with more information.

Vice Chairperson Allen reiterated that the Board of Supervisors has the prerogative to amend the charter without prior review of this committee. Member Platt noted that this committee is advisory to the Board of Supervisors. Discussion took place regarding the language of the agenda item, and Chairperson DePauw acknowledged that Supervisor Livermore had requested this item. Additional discussion took place regarding the intent of the agenda item, and the powers of the City Manager to make organizational changes. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta advised she was unaware of any department heads who had expressed an issue with the subject item. Member Suwe expressed "no flavor" for the subject agenda item, but indicated a willingness to hear from Supervisor Livermore. **Member Suwe moved to defer this item until such time as Supervisor Livermore could be present at a meeting. Vice Chairperson Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0617) - Chairperson DePauw advised she would contact Supervisor Livermore to request his attendance at the next meeting, and his additional clarification of agenda item I. Vice Chairperson Allen suggested the possibility of meeting earlier in the afternoon, and staff agreed to agendaize an item for the next meeting. Member Platt requested more background information on the agenda items. He suggested that, even if he could not be personally present at the meeting, Supervisor Livermore provide a written background for the proposed charter amendments. Following discussion, Member Platt clarified his request for more context associated with the proposed charter amendments.

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K. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-0747) - Vice Chairperson Allen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Member Andreas seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the March 25, 2008 Carson City Charter Review Committee meeting are so approved this 22nd day of April, 2008.

DONNA DePAUW, Chair

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Charter Review Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna DePauw
Vice Chairperson Ron Allen
Ernie Adler
Joan Andreas
Stephen Lincoln
Steve Platt
Steve Suwe

STAFF: Melanie Bruketta, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Ann Silver, Human Resources Director
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007) - Chairperson DePauw called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Adler arrived at 5:36 p.m.

B. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 25, 2008 (1-0015) - Vice Chairperson Allen moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Platt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1, Member Lincoln abstaining.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0032) - None.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 2006 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE ITEMS (1-0807) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item and provided an overview of the pertinent agenda materials. She called for questions or comments; however, none were forthcoming.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO PROHIBIT A RELATIVE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM WORKING IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (1-0054) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item and Mayor Marv Teixeira, Supervisor Pete Livermore, and Ms. Silver. [Member Adler arrived at 5:36 p.m.] Mayor Teixeira expressed the opinion there should be no specific language in the Charter which could be solely confined to the City Manager's Office. He cautioned the committee against attempting to prohibit relatives from working together in any City department or division. He discussed the steps he took, before running for office, to ensure no conflict of interest between former Administrative Assistant Liz Teixeira and former City Manager Linda Ritter. He further advised of having inquired of the Carson City District Attorney and the Nevada Attorney General to ensure the legality and ethics of running for the office of mayor while his wife was employed by the City in the City Manager's Office. He recommended giving no further consideration to the subject agenda item.

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Supervisor Livermore expressed appreciation for Mayor Teixeira's willingness to attend the meeting. He provided background information on the purpose of the subject agenda item. In response to a question, Ms. Silver advised that nepotism is addressed in the state statute as well as in City policy. The Carson City employment application includes questions regarding relatives working in the City, the relationship between the applicant and the City employee, and the department in which the relative is employed. Human Resources personnel determine whether a conflict may exist. If so, the applicant may be referred to another City department. Relatives are not prohibited from working in the same department, as long as they are not within the third degree of consanguinity or in a reporting / supervisory relationship. Ms. Silver advised that 18 percent of the City's employees are related. She noted the difficulty, from a recruitment perspective, of refusing applications based on family relationship. She reiterated the issues considered by Human Resources personnel are the degree of consanguinity and the potential for a supervisory conflict.

Member Suwe suggested there were two separate issues indicated by the discussion. Ms. Silver referred to nepotism considerations in the hiring process. The subject agenda item requests consideration of "no one working in the City Manager's Office that's related to a member of the Board of Supervisors." Member Suwe noted that Mrs. Teixeira was an employee of the City Manager's Office prior to Mayor Teixeira's decision to run for office. Member Suwe expressed an understanding of, and agreement with, the State's nepotism laws. He expressed opposition to an individual being precluded from running for a City office because of a family relationship to a City employee. He advised he didn't "have a flavor for this because somebody has a right to run and somebody has a right to a job." He expressed the opinion that the subject agenda item infringes on personal rights. Ms. Bruketta agreed with Member Suwe's assessment of two separate issues under the discussion. With regard to the Mayor's conduct, she assured the committee members that he had always followed state law and the code of ethics by recusing himself from discussions regarding Mrs. Teixeira whenever appropriate. Discussion ensued, and Member Platt suggested there are adequate protections provided in the state statute, by the Ethics Commission, and by the City's recruitment policies. Chairperson DePauw called for additional comments and, when none were forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Lincoln moved to not recommend to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to the charter to prohibit a relative of the Board of Supervisors from working in the City Manager's Office. Vice Chairperson Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO INCLUDE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER (1-0312) - Chairperson DePauw introduced and provided background information on this item. Supervisor Livermore provided additional background information, and advised that some of the issues which were relevant prior to Mr. Werner's appointment "no longer seem to be relevant today." He expressed concern over former City Manager Linda Ritter's creation of an internal finance committee which "took away from the Board" and sometimes "acted as an unofficial member of the Board."

In response to a question, Supervisor Livermore described the public interview process associated with Ms. Ritter's appointment as City Manager and the process associated with current City Manager Larry Werner's appointment. Vice Chairperson Allen expressed the belief that the City Charter should not be cluttered with such things as the City Manager's job description. Member Adler suggested that the Board of Supervisors should have a job description for the City Manager which should be periodically reviewed. Supervisor Livermore acknowledged his original intent was to include the City Manager's job description in the charter. In response to a question, Ms. Silver referred to the City Manager's job description, copies

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of which were provided to the committee members. She noted that the document was last revised in 2003, and advised that some members of the Board of Supervisors had suggested revising the job description again. She acknowledged that Human Resources Department staff often review job descriptions, compensation ranges, etc., in order to be competitive in wages and duties. She noted the detail of the current City Manager's job description.

Member Suwe referred to Section 3.020 of the City Charter and read a portion of the same into the record. He noted that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to determine the City Manager's duties. He referred to the City Manager's job description and read a portion of the same into the record. He noted that the City Manager is an at-will employee, who serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. He expressed the opinion that there is no reason to delineate the City Manager's job description in the City Charter. Vice Chairperson Allen suggested doing so would be "redundant and ... time consuming and non-productive." In response to a comment, Member Suwe reiterated that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to establish the City Manager's duties, "not the Charter Review Committee." **Member Andreas moved to not recommend any amendment to the charter to include the job description and responsibilities of the City Manager. Vice Chairperson Allen seconded the motion.** Member Lincoln agreed with Member Suwe's comments that the authority is provided to the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson DePauw expressed support for recommending to the Board of Supervisors a charter amendment to review the City Manager's job description on a regular basis. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta advised that the committee could take action under the subject agenda item. In response to a question, Member Andreas declined to amend her motion. Vice Chairperson Allen declined to withdraw his second. Chairperson DePauw called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 5-2.**

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO PROHIBIT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES WITHIN THE CITY WITHOUT CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPROVAL (1-0633) - Chairperson DePauw introduced, provided background information on this item, and referred to the pertinent agenda materials provided to the committee members and staff. Supervisor Livermore provided additional background information. Discussion took place with regard to the wording of the agenda item, and Members Platt and Adler expressed support for requiring organizational changes which require a charter amendment to first be reviewed by this committee prior to being submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Bruketta referred the committee members to Charter Section 1.090, and suggested developing proposed amendment language for review at the next committee meeting. **Member Lincoln so moved. Member Platt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

Following discussion, Ms. Bruketta suggested Chairperson DePauw and Member Adler develop language for the agenda item. She reviewed the committee's direction to discuss possibly amending Section 1.090 to include the requirement that any amendments to the Charter be reviewed by this committee prior to being submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The committee members concurred with the proposed language. At Ms. Bruketta's suggestion, **Member Lincoln moved to defer this item to the next meeting. Member Platt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.** The committee members thanked Supervisor Livermore for his attendance and participation.

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H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CHANGE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING TIME (1-0822) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. Vice Chairperson Allen reviewed a proposal to change the meeting time to earlier in the day, and discussion followed. No formal action was taken.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0903) - Chairperson DePauw noted that item G would be reworded and reagendaized. Discussion took place regarding the tentative May agenda.

J. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1022) - Vice Chairperson Allen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the April 22, 2008 Carson City Charter Review Committee meeting are so approved this 20th day of May, 2008.

DONNA DePAUW, Chair

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Charter Review Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna DePauw
Vice Chairperson Ron Allen
Ernie Adler
Stephen Lincoln
Steve Platt

STAFF: Larry Werner, City Manager
Janet Busse, Office Supervisor
Melanie Bruketta, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0011)** - Chairperson DePauw called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Members Andreas and Suwe were absent. Chairperson DePauw welcomed Mr. Werner and Ms. Busse.

2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 22, 2008 (1-0025)** - Member Platt moved to approve the minutes. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0030)** - None.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF CITY MANAGER LARRY WERNER AND OFFICE SUPERVISOR JANET BUSSE (1-0038)** - Previously covered.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DESIGNATED STAFF AND THEIR JOB DUTIES PERTINENT TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE (1-0043)** - Chairperson DePauw introduced and provided background information on this item. Ms. Bruketta advised of having met with Mr. Werner, who agreed to provide staff to the committee. Mr. Werner reviewed the responsibilities of the City Manager's Office staff, pertinent to the committee, to prepare meeting agendas and ensure posting in accordance with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law. In response to a comment, he clarified that the City Manager's staff would serve the committee as an entity not the members as individuals. In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta advised she would continue to conduct legal research, as requested by the committee. In response to a question, Mr. Werner advised that Ms. Busse would serve as the staff contact person. No formal action was taken.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE BYLAWS TO INCLUDE CITY STAFF (1-0143)** - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. Based on Mr. Werner's comments under the previous item, Vice Chairperson Allen expressed reluctance to amend the bylaws. Mr. Werner expressed a preference to gain an understanding of the required level of staff involvement through the remainder of the scheduled meetings. He suggested letting "it play out this year and see how it works out." Consensus of the committee was to not amend the bylaws.

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7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1.090 OF THE CARSON CITY CHARTER TO REQUIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER TO BE REVIEWED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PRIOR TO REVIEW BY THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (1-0174) - Chairperson DePauw introduced and provided background information on this item. Member Adler expressed a preference for the committee to review proposed amendments prior to the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson DePauw agreed. Member Adler noted the need for Board of Supervisors flexibility in terms of necessary revisions to bill drafts submitted to the legislature. Discussion followed, and **Member Adler moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to the charter requiring proposed amendments to the charter to be reviewed by the Charter Review Committee prior to being submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO REQUIRE ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BE RESIDENTS AND REGISTERED VOTERS IN CARSON CITY (1-0284) - Chairperson DePauw introduced and provided background information on this item. Ms. Bruketta read into the record a portion of NRS 293.1755. She advised that the District Attorney is the only elected official to whom the statutory provisions don't apply. She advised that a constitutional amendment would be needed to require elected officials to be registered voters. Discussion followed, and **Vice Chairperson Allen moved to not recommend to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to the charter to require all elected officials to be residents and registered voters of Carson City. Member Platt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO ELIMINATE THE MAYORAL POSITION AND HAVE FIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORS and 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO CHANGE WARDS TO REFLECT FIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORS (1-0370) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. Member Platt suggested combining items 9 and 10, and Chairperson DePauw introduced item 10. Vice Chairperson Allen inquired as to the origin and purpose of this agenda item. Chairperson DePauw advised of having received input regarding the importance of "a fair ... playing field and the egos stay out of it and it allows the Board to select their own mayor and the other item was because there was some troublesome issues that happened with our mayor within this term." Member Adler explained how the mechanism of five separate wards would "cut down the cost of campaigning;" every ward would have its own supervisor. Vice Chairperson Allen suggested the proposal would "require a whole bunch of other changes." Discussion followed, and Ms. Bruketta pointed out that the voters would not have a voice in selecting the mayor. Ms. Bruketta advised that Clerk-Recorder Alan Glover anticipates redistricting will take place in 2011 following the census. **Member Platt moved to not recommend to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to the charter to eliminate the mayoral position and have five county supervisors; and to not recommend to the Board of Supervisors a charter amendment to change the wards to reflect five county supervisors. Vice Chairperson Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A DATE FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE (1-0458) - Chairperson DePauw introduced this item. In response to a question, she indicated uncertainty as to whether the June committee meeting would go forward. Discussion followed, and **Member Lincoln**

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moved to agendize the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors for either July 17th or August 7th. Member Platt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0598) - In response to a question, Ms. Bruketta and Mr. Werner provided background information on an item which had been mentioned by Ms. Bruketta, at the April committee meeting, as a possible future agenda item. City representatives decided there was no reason to agendize the item.

13. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-0639) - Member Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Vice Chairperson Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June, 2008.

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk-Recorder

By:

Kathleen M. King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary