



SPECIAL MEETING CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES of July 16, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Chair Erzen called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2020. Also present were Commissioners Lotzgesell, Turner, Hunter, Murray, Cameron, Pratt, Stoffer, Richards, Doherty, Corrado, May, Stokan, Doherty, Fleck and Morris (arrived at 7:30 p.m.). All Commissioners appeared by either video or audio. Due to Governor's Proclamation (COVID-19) in person attendance was prohibited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Taken: Commissioner Stokan requested to move item 5 - Rain Water Amendment before item 3 - New Article X1V Health/Environment on the agenda, second; motion carried (14 voted in favor of)

Action Taken: Commissioner Stokan requested to move item 4 - Addition of Section 12.80 "Health & Safety" to Article XII before item 3 - New Article X1V Health/Environment on the agenda, second; motion carried (14 voted in favor of)

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Turner moved to adopt the agenda as modified, second; motion carried (14 voted in favor of)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Turner moved to approve the minutes as presented, second; motion carried (13 voted in favor of and 1 abstain)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on countywide voting.
- Commissioner Ozias, Sequim, commented on the County Administrator position.

CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Gores noted receipt of correspondences from Commissioner Stokan, Ron Richards, Commissioner Fleck, Clallam County PUD, League of Women Voters, Commissioner Corrado, Jim McEntire, Commissioner Ozias and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (see attached).

REPORTS

- Chair Report – Commissioner Erzen
Commissioner Erzen thanked Commissioner Stoffer for his work on the public comment instructions.
- Water Security Legal Action Request Report – Attorney Stanley
Attorney Stanley provided a report on her Water Security opinion. CRC Members discussed the legal action opinion on Water Security.
- Tribal Representation Report – Attorney Stanley
Attorney Stanley provided a report on her Tribal Representation opinion. CRC Members discussed the legal action opinion on Tribal Representation.

VOTE ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT

- Amend Article IV Section 4.10: Composition (Prosecutor Non- Partisan) – Commissioner Richards
Commissioner Richards provided a report on the amendment to Article IV Section 4.10: Composition (Prosecutor Non-Partisan). CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

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Proposed amendment:

Article IV – Other Elected Officials, Section 4.10: Composition

Elected county officials in addition to the County Commissioners shall include the Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer, Director of the Department of Community Development, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, and Judges of the Superior and District Courts. The Director of the Department of Community Development shall be elected November 2003 for an initial term of three (3) years, and every four (4) years thereafter. All elected officials shall be non-partisan, except for the County Commissioners ~~and the Prosecuting Attorney.~~

Commissioner Richards moved to forward amend Article IV Section 4.10: Composition (Prosecutor Non-Partisan) to the ballot, second; motion carried (12 voted in favor and 1 vote opposed)

(Commissioners for: Stoffer, Corrado, Erzen, Pratt, Cameron, Richards, Turner, Hunter, Murray, Fleck, Stokan and May; Commissioners opposed: Lotzgesell; no response from Doherty and Morris - absent)

- Amend Article XI Section 11.10.10: Election and Period of Office (Frequency of CRC) – Commissioner Erzen

Commissioner Erzen vacated the Chair position and asked second Chair Commissioner Turner to take over. Commissioner Erzen provided a report on an amendment to Article XI Section 11.10.10: Election and Period of Office (Frequency of CRC). CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

Proposed amendment:

Article XI – Charter Review, Amendment and Repeal, Section 11.10.10 Election and Period of Office

If the amendment is adopted, the first sentence of Article XI- Charter Review, Amendment and Repeal: Section 11.10: Charter Review Commission, 11:10.10: Election and Period of Office would read: "Commencing with the statewide general election in November 2027 and every 8 years thereafter, the Commissioners shall cause an election of a Charter Review Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission."

Commissioner Erzen moved to forward amended Article IV Section 11.10.10: Election and Period of Office (Frequency of CRC) to the ballot, second; motion carried (8 voted in favor and 6 vote opposed)

(Commissioners for: Stoffer, Erzen, Pratt, Doherty, Richards, Turner, Hunter and May; Commissioners opposed: Corrado, Lotzgesell, Cameron, Murray, Fleck and Stokan; no response from Morris - absent)

- Amend Article II Section 2.20: Composition and Term of Office (Select by district, Elect Countywide)– Commissioner Turner

Commissioner Turner provided a report on an amendment to Article II Section 2.20: Composition and Term of Office (Select by district, Elect Countywide). CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

Proposed amendment:

Article II – Legislative and Executive Branches, Section 2.20: Composition and Term of Office

The Board of County Commissioners shall consist of three members. The Commissioners shall be nominated by district and elected by the voter's countywide for a term of four years as provided in this Charter. Delete "The practice of at large voting for Board of County Commissioners is discontinued"

Commissioner Turner moved to forward amended Article II Section 2.20: Composition and Term of Office (select by district, Elect Countywide) to the ballot, second; motion carried (10 voted in favor; 4 vote opposed; 1 abstain)

(Commissioners for: Stoffer, Corrado, Erzen, Pratt, Doherty, Morris, Richards, Turner, Hunter and May; Commissioners opposed: Lotzgesell, Cameron, Murray, Fleck; 1 abstain: Stokan)

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AMENDMENTS FOLLOW-UP

- Remand Amendments to Prosecuting Attorney for ballot wording and ballot title
- Commissioners sign up for a Pro or Con committee to write a statement for the Voters Pamphlet on amendments approved for 2020 ballot.

Commissioner Erzen provided a brief update on amendment follow-up. She recommended Commissioners choose to be on pro and con committees at the July 23 meeting. Commissioner May recommended that Commissioners contact the Chair if they want to serve on the Pro and Con committee ahead of the July 23 meeting.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS AND VOTE TO MOVE AMENDMENTS

- Consider amendments and vote to move amendments to Special Meeting July 23, 2020 for a final vote to put on ballot.

1. Appoint DCD - Commissioner Morris

Commissioner Morris provided a report. CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Morris moved to consider the proposed amendment at the July 23 meeting for a vote, second; motion carried (14 voted in favor of and 1 voted opposed)

2. Change # of signatures for Initiative to Repeal Charter – Commissioner Erzen

Commissioner Erzen vacated the Chair position and asked second Chair Commissioner Turner to take over. Commissioner Erzen provided a report. CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Erzen moved to consider the proposed amendment at the July 23 meeting for a vote, second; motion carried (10 voted in favor of and 5 voted opposed)

5. Rain Water Amendment – Commissioner Stokan

(Item was discussed out of order from what was posted on the agenda)

Commissioner Stokan provided a report. CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Proposal was withdrawn by Commissioner Stokan

3. New Article XIV Health/Environment - Commissioner Stokan

Commissioner Stokan provided a report. CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stokan moved to consider the proposed amendment at the July 23 meeting for a vote, no second; motion defeated

4. Addition of Section 12.80 "Health & Safety" to Article XII – Commissioner Corrado

Commissioner Corrado provided a report. CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Corrado moved to consider the proposed amendment at the July 23 meeting for a vote, second; motion defeated (3 voted in favor of and 12 voted opposed)

6. Tribal Rep Amendment – Commissioner Stokan

Commissioner Stokan provided a report. CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Proposal was withdrawn by Commissioner Stokan

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stokan moved to invite all Tribal Representatives in Clallam County to a meeting to speak to the Commission in the same format as the Elected Officials did earlier in the Charter Review year, second

Commissioner Erzen noted that today is a special meeting and only items on the agenda can be discussed. She requested that Commissioner Stokan forward her the topic and motion for review by the Executive Committee. She noted that all items must be received no later than Sunday, July 19 at midnight to be considered on the July 23 agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on not holding public hearings on the amendments moving forward to the ballot, climate change, regulations and surviving during an emergency.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is a regular meeting on July 23 at 6 p.m.
 - Vote on Amendment that were remanded from July 16 special meeting
 1. Appoint DCD - Commissioner Morris
 2. Change # of signatures for Initiative to Repeal Charter – Commissioner Erzen
 - Consider Amendments and vote whether the amendment would be voted on at the next meeting.
 1. Changes in Article VI Administrator – Commissioner Lotzgesell/Committee on County\ Administrator
 2. Five County Commissioners amendment – Committee on # of Commissioners
 - Pros and Cons Committees

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- BlueJeans video conferencing experienced technical difficulties at 9 p.m. Charter Review Commissioners (8 members) were able to log back in and adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Granicus recording system was live during this time.

See attached for the BlueJeans chat log for July 16, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Gores, CMC
Clerk to the Charter Review Commission

Approved: July 23, 2020