



## CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES of July 23, 2020

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)**

Chair Erzen called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2020. Also present were Commissioners Lotzgesell, Turner, Hunter, Murray, Cameron, Pratt, Stoffer, Richards, Doherty, Corrado, May, Stokan, Fleck and Morris. All Commissioners appeared by either video or audio. Due to Governor's Proclamation (COVID-19) in person attendance was prohibited.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Erzen noted on item 1 under "Consider Amendments and Vote to Move Amendments" the Section is listed as Section 5.30, but it should be Section 9.30. The proposal was submitted correctly. Commissioner Stokan requested to add a discussion regarding a Resolution on homelessness and an update on electromagnetic fields (EMF). Erzen noted that those two issues plus the recommendation about hiring a Forester would be dealt with in the Fall after the amendments had been sent as ballot measures. She also said that there will be discussion about the calendar at the special meeting on July 30.

Commissioner Fleck addressed the Charter Review Commission and Committee meeting schedule.

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Turner moved to adopt the agenda as modified, second; motion carried (15 voted in favor of)**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting Minutes July 16, 2020

Commissioner Stokan requested to add "second" after her motion on item 6 – Tribal Representative amendment. CRC Members discussed the request. Clerk was instructed to add the word "second" to the minutes.

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stoffer moved to approve the minutes as modified, second; motion carried (15 voted in favor)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the Lotzgesell County Administrator proposal.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS**

Gores noted receipt of correspondences from Commissioner Stokan (see attached).

### **REPORTS**

- Chair Report – Commissioner Erzen

Commissioner Erzen proposed to send a letter to the Quileute Nation, Lower Elwha Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam and Makah Tribes regarding Tribal Representation at the County level. She noted she feels CRC owes the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe a response to their letter submitted on July 16. CRC Members discussed the letter.

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Murray moved to issue the letter, second; motion carried (14 voted in favor and 1 vote opposed)**

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Morris moved to attach a copy of amendment to the letter when sending, no second; motion defeated**

### **VOTE ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT**

- Amend Article IV Section 4.10: Composition (**Change to appointed DCD**) – Commissioner Morris  
Commissioner Morris provided a report on the amendment to Article IV Section 4.10: Composition (Change to appointed DCD). 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, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, and Judges of the Superior and District Courts. All elected officials shall be non-partisan, except for the Commissioners and the Prosecuting Attorney.

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Morris moved to forward amended Article IV Section 4.10: Composition (Change to appointed DCD) to the ballot, second; motion carried (12 voted in favor and 3 vote opposed)**

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

- Amend Article XI Section 11.20.50: Repeal of the Charter by the People **(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 spoke in favor of the amendment to Article XI Section 11.20.50: Repeal of the Charter by the People (Change # of signatures for Initiative to Repeal Charter). CRC Members discussed the proposed amendment.

Proposed amendment:

**Article XI – Charter Amendment and Repeal, Section 11.20.50 Repeal of the Charter by the People**

If the amendment is adopted, Article XI- Charter Review, Amendment and Repeal: Section 11.20: Charter Amendment and Repeal, 11.20.50: Repeal of The Charter by The People  
Would read:

“Six years after the adoption of the Charter the public may initiate repeal of the Charter by filing an initiative petition bearing the signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than 20 percent of the number of voters who voted for the office of governor in the last statewide election, the signatures to be gathered within 180 days of registration of the petition by the Auditor.”

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Erzen moved to forward amended Article XI Section 11.20.50: Repeal of the Charter by the People (Change # of signatures for Initiative to Repeal Charter) to the ballot, second; motion carried (13 voted in favor, 1 vote opposed and 1 abstain)**

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

**AMENDMENTS FOLLOW-UP**

- Pros & Cons Committees to write a statement for the Voters Pamphlet on amendments for Ballot.
- “For” and “Against” Committee statements must be filed with Auditor by August 27. 250 words or less. There can be 3 Commissioners on each committee. These Commissioners have signed up:
  - Select/Elect: Pro – Stoffer, Doherty, Turner Con – Lotzgesell, Fleck
  - Frequency: Pro – Erzen, Stoffer Con – Fleck, Stokan, Cameron
  - Non-partisan: Pro – Pratt, Stoffer, Corrado Con –
  - Appointed DCD: Pro – Morris, Richards, Doherty Con – Fleck
  - Signatures: Pro – Erzen, Corrado, Pratt Con -

Commissioner Erzen noted statements must be filed with the Auditor by August 27 and need to be 250 words or less. CRC Members signed up for “Pro and Con” positions.

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**CONSIDER AMENDMENTS AND VOTE TO MOVE AMENDMENTS**

- Consider amendments and vote to move amendments to the July 30 meeting for a final vote to put on ballot. Any amendments not considered due to time constraints, will be placed on a future agenda.

Attorney Stanley briefed the Commission on deadlines to make the ballot for either 2020 or 2021.

1. Changes to County Administrator Article VI, Sections 6.10 and 6.20 and Article V, Section 9.30, 9.40 and 9.50 – Commissioner Lotzgesell

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

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Lotzgesell moved to consider the proposed amendment at the July 30 meeting for a vote, second; motion carried (12 voted in favor of and 3 voted opposed)**

2. Change BOCC to 5 Commissioners – Commissioner Fleck

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

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Fleck moved to consider the proposed amendment at the July 30 meeting for a vote, second; motion defeated (6 voted in favor of and 9 voted opposed)**

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- Resolution on topic of Tribal Representation – Commissioner Turner

Commissioner Turner briefed the Commission on the proposed resolution. She noted there wasn't a quorum when preparing the Resolution. CRC Members discussed the proposed Resolution.

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stokan moved to table the Resolution until the next meeting on July 30, second; motion defeated (3 voted in favor of and 12 voted opposed)**

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stoffer moved to call the question and drop the debate, second; motion carried (14 voted in favor of and 1 voted opposed)**

**ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Turner moved that the Clallam County Charter Review Commission endorse the proposed Resolution, second; motion carried (8 voted in favor of and 7 voted opposed)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the Resolution regarding topic of Tribal Representation, BlueJeans chat log being attached to the minutes and the Administrator personal services agreement.

**NEXT MEETING – July 30, 2020 - SPECIAL MEETING**

- Discuss and approve ballot measure language from Attorney Stanley
- Confirm appointees to "Pro and Con" Committees
- Vote on amendment that was remanded from July 23.
- Consider amendments that were not considered on July 23.
- Approve calendar modification that cancels August 13 and 27 for summer break. Resume September 10.
- Discussion on committee meetings during the summer break in August.
- Discussion on if the County Health Officer should be an elected official.

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See attached for the BlueJeans chat log for July 23, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting concluded at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Gores, CMC  
Clerk to the Charter Review Commission

Approved: July 30, 2020