



CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES of October 8, 2020

MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Chair Erzen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2020. Also present were Commissioners Lotzgesell, Turner, Murray, Cameron, Pratt, Stoffer, Doherty, Corrado, Stokan, Fleck, Morris and Richards. Commissioners Corson and May were absent. 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 requested to add under the "Good of the Order" that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on October 16, 2020 at 3 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stoffer moved to adopt the agenda as modified, second; motion carried (13 voted in favor of)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Gores noted receipt of correspondences from Commissioner Corrado, Commissioner Erzen, Ingrid Carmean, Clallam County PUD, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Stokan William Kildall and Ann Seiter (see attached).

REPORTS

- Chair Report – Recommendations

Commissioner Erzen reported the recommendations regarding Homelessness, EMF and Forester have been sent to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will have a BOCC work session to discuss and respond to the CRC Members. The date has not been set. Erzen noted that all items for the October 22 meeting are due to the Executive Committee no later than 12 p.m., October 16.

- Forum Report – Commissioner Turner

Commissioner Turner commented that the Charter amendments have been presented at two Port Angeles Business Association Meetings. She thanked Commissioners Erzen, Morris, Fleck and Cameron for participating in the live presentations. She noted that the League of Women Voters will be holding a forum webinar on October 13 at 7 p.m. and at the Port Angeles Noon Rotary October 14 at 12 p.m.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR 2021 TO BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 22 AND VOTED ON NOVEMBER 12

Commissioner Erzen commented that the 6 proposals listed below are being requested to be placed on the ballot for 2021. She noted that it needs to be announced that the CRC Members will be discussing the proposals at the October 22, 2020 meeting and voting on them at the November 12, 2020 meeting. She addressed the legal action requests provided by Attorney Stanley regarding the 4 step process.

- Changes to Section 4.25 DCD – Commissioner Turner, sponsor

PROPOSAL SECTION 4.25

Ordinances shall be reviewed and amended, if necessary, by ~~December 31, 2004~~ **November 31, 2022** to incorporate changes required by the conversion from an appointed administrative position to an elected office. A **professional with knowledge of laws governing land use and local governance, agreed upon by both BOCC and DCD, will do the review. A report of the findings will be made available to the public at public hearings. BOCC shall place on the November 2023 ballot any necessary charter**

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changes to clarify the powers and duties of an elected DCD Director. Until such time as the review is complete and amendments, if any, adopted, the duties and responsibilities set forth therein with respect to the administrative Director of the Department of Community Development shall apply to the elected Director.

- Addition to Public Health and Environmental Safety Advisory Commission Article IV Section 4.10:
Composition – Commissioner Stokan, sponsor

PROPOSAL SECTION 4.10

The BOCC shall establish a permanent Public Health and Environmental Safety Advisory Commission that is comprised of non-compensated citizen volunteers, elected in a general election, and whose mission is to investigate issues affecting the health and safety of the citizens of Clallam County and to recommend actions to the BOCC. This Commission will have five members. Issues that the Commission shall investigate may include climate solutions, food and water sustainability, emergency preparedness, environmental hazards, factors related to homelessness, protection of public land and technological induced risk. This Commission will provide recommendations for action to the BOCC for consideration as potential ordinances and other initiatives as considered appropriate. Commissioners shall serve a two-year term of office.

- Addition of 5 year term for Charter Review Commission to Article XI Section 11.10.10: Election and Period of Office – Commissioner Stokan, sponsor

PROPOSAL SECTION 11.10.10

The term of office shall be five years, from January 1 until December 31 of the fifth year. The Commission need not meet continuously, but may meet at such time and in such places as it deems appropriate upon given public notice.

- Addition Section 5.35: Terms of Office to Article II Legislative and Executive Branches
Commissioner Stokan, sponsor

PROPOSAL ADD SECTION 5.35

All elected officials in Clallam County, shall serve a maximum of two terms.

- Change County Coroner to be Elected Article IV – Other Elected Officials: Section 4.20 –
Commissioner Stokan, sponsor

PROPOSAL SECTION 4.20

The County Coroner shall be a non-partisan, elected position, with the requirement to have a medical license, and certification in forensic pathology.

- Add statement about Racism to the Preamble of the Clallam County Charter – Commissioner Stokan, sponsor

PROPOSAL

Form a Committee to work on a Clallam County Bill of Rights.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

- The proposed amendments will be discussed and voted on at the October 22, 2020 meeting –
Commissioner Erzen

Commissioner Erzen commented that the amendments being proposed will be voted on at the October 22, 2020 meeting. She noted that Commissioners Erzen, Turner, Murray and Corrado all assisted with the proposed amendments to the bylaws.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carolyn Wilcox, Port Angeles, commented on Clallam County Charter Preamble – Racism.

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COMMITTEES

- Motion to form a committee to work on a Clallam County Bill of Rights – Commissioner Stokan (It takes three meetings to vote on a proposed amendment; therefore, an amendment would have to be presented no later than October 22, 2020 based on our adopted calendar)

Commissioner Stokan briefed the CRC Members on a Bill of Rights Committee for quality of life, public health and environmental safety.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stokan moved to form a committee to work on a Clallam County Bill of Rights, second; motion failed (5 voted in favor of, 7 voted opposed and 1 abstained)

Commissioner Erzen addressed forming a committee and noted that other Committees did not need to hold a vote to form a committee. Commissioner Stokan noted if other CRC Members would like to meet to contact her.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2020

- Discuss proposed amendments
- Report of Bill of Rights Committee
- Bylaw amendments

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Executive Committee Meeting will be held October 16, 2020 at 3 p.m. Agenda items are due no later than October 16, 2020 at 12 p.m.
- Commissioner Stokan commented that she heard on 96.7 Twilight Radio the Charter Review Commission Forester recommendation and also the PABA meetings the CRC Members attended.

There is no BlueJeans chat log for the week of October 8, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Gores, CMC
Clerk to the Charter Review Commission

Approved: October 22, 2020