City of Tacoma Charter Review Committee Minutes

January 22, 2024 5:30 p.m.

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 220A Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 857 9094 1184 Webinar Link: www.zoom. us/j/85790941184

Call to Order

Chair Wamback called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 14 - Katie Baird, Nicholas Carr, Maricres Castro, Silong Chhun, Patrick Fischer, Bryan Flint, Jason Gauthier, Andre Jimenez, Latasha Palmer, Andrea Reay, Rebecca Stith, Stephen Wamback, Diamatris Winston, and Lok Yin Wu

Absent: 1 - Melissa Malott

Committee Member Malott arrived at 6:39 p.m.

All Committee Members participated virtually.

Welcome

At approximately 5:37 p.m., Chair Wamback started the meeting by soliciting Committee Member opinions on inviting guest speakers for the January 29, 2024, meeting.

Charter Review Committee Member Request Discussion

At approximately 5:47 p.m., Chair Wamback reviewed the format for today's discussion that each Committee Member will be given five minutes to present their top priorities to the group, followed by another five minutes for questions or further discussion.

Committee Members Reay, Gauthier, Fischer, Baird, Wu, Carr, and Flint presented their priorities to the group.

Committee Member Malott arrived here, at 6:39 p.m.

Break

The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Charter Review Committee Member Request Discussion (Continued)

At approximately 6:56 p.m., Committee Members Jimenez, Chhun, Malott, Castro, Stith, and Winston presented their priorities to the group. Committee Member Palmer will present their priorities at the next meeting.

(Due to technical difficulty (internet disruption), video recording is not available from approximately 6:57 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.)

Consensus as top priorities among Committee Members were form of government, including a strong mayor system, term limits, and changing the current form; City Council issues, including adding or subtracting districts, a full-time versus part-time Council, compensation, and staffing issues; and Tacoma Public Utilities.

Homework and Closing Comments

At approximately 7:56 p.m., Chair Wamback gave CRC staff a chance to see if there were any requests from the Committee in preparation for the next meeting, and asked Committee Members to review the priority list prior to the Thursday, January 25, 2024, meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Stephen Wamback, Chair-

Joan Faverna, City Clerk's Office