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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

**Commissioners Brock and Baker Noticed Meeting – Charter Amendment Language
Conference Room A, 4th floor, City Hall**

**January 16th, 2020
11:15 a.m.**

In attendance: Commissioners Lindsey Brock and Jessica Baker

Also: Paige Johnston – Office of General Counsel; Anthony Baltiero – Council Research Division;
Jessica Smith – Legislative Services Division

Meeting Convened: 11:20 a.m.

Call to Order – Commissioner Brock called the meeting to order. Mr. Brock briefly detailed the point of the meeting which was to review, make suggestions, and revise the wording of his proposed Charter revision recommendation. The purpose of this specific Charter revision recommendation is to explain the procedures for the creation of future Charter Revision Commissions; detail commission membership, powers, and duties; and have a section regarding the Commission Secretary. A crucial aspect of this recommendation is the section requiring the City Council to approve or reject the recommendations that are presented by future Charter Revision Commissions.

Discussion – Mr. Brock handed out copies of a draft version of his proposed recommendation. He explained the rationale for his original intent of having the entire CRC process completed within a single Council President’s term. Because of the timing required, it would be extremely difficult to complete the entire process in a single Council President’s term. It was mentioned that the concern with having the process run over into another Council President’s term is shifting priorities and possible political inclinations. Mr. Brock said that putting requirements into the Charter to vote on CRC recommendations will help to eliminate the issue of shifting priorities between transitioning Council Presidents. It was noted that for an item to be on the August ballot of an election year, the ballot would have to be prepared by late June of the same year.

Ms. Baker and Mr. Brock compared the current recommendation draft to the original ordinance that established the current CRC guidelines, 2009-0584-E. There are four sections in the recommendation. Ms. Baker and Mr. Brock started with the first section, Sec. 17.101 – Charter Revision Commission creation and procedures, by reading the section and comparing the language with Ord. 2009-0584-E. The

two Commissioners went through each line of the section and debated the language used and made rearrangements on their respective draft copies.

Mr. Brock and Ms. Baker continued with this process for the remaining three sections of the recommendation, Sec. 17.102 – Membership; Sec. 17.103 – Powers and duties; Sec. 17.104 – Commission Secretary. There was a focus on the possible start time of the CRC process. It was suggested to start the appointing process in April of a CRC year with the first meeting of the CRC being held by July 31st at the latest. Research staff asked if a change of the election date would impact this recommendation. Ms. Baker noted that it could ultimately be a benefit to the Council if there was a change of the election day that has Councilmembers start on January 1st instead of July 1st by giving the Council President that appoints the CRC more time to be present during the process. Regardless of the date of the election, the process will ultimately be in the hands of two Council Presidents.

Ms. Baker asked about the specific timing of when future CRCs disband. Mr. Brock noted that with the new wording of the recommendation, the CRC will remain intact and under Sunshine Laws until after the future recommendations have been voted on.

Following the discussion and revision session, Mr. Brock read through the recommendation including the new revisions. Ms. Baker suggested having a version of the draft showing the original text and the edits available at the next full CRC Meeting.

For further details, an audio recording of this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Legislative Services Division.

Commissioner Brock adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 12:15 PM

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