



Charter Review Committee
of the
City of Rio Rancho

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016
5:00 PM

City Council Overflow Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lonnie Clayton, At Large
Phil Pigott, District 1
Tamera Gutierrez, Chair, District 3
Aaron Fleming, District 4
Michelle Bunzel, District 5
Marilyn Salzman, District 6

STAFF PRESENT:

Peter Wells, Assistant City Manager
Stephen Ruger, City Clerk

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Bill White, District 2

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

1. Discussion of Recommendations Regarding the Placement of the Mayor's and City Council Members' Annual Salaries in the Charter

Mr. Wells reminded the group of their objective: to determine whether or not the voters should be asked if the salaries of the Mayor and City Councilors should be included in the Charter.

The group discussed the possibility of having two separate questions on the ballot, one for the Mayor's salary and one for the salaries of the City Council members.

Lonnie Clayton moved to have two questions on the ballot, one for the Mayor's Salary and one for the City Council salaries. Seconded by Marilyn Salzman.

The motion carried by a vote of 6 FOR and 0 AGAINST.

YES: Lonnie Clayton, Phil Pigott, Tamera Gutierrez, Aaron Fleming, Michelle Bunzel, Marilyn Salzman

NO: None

Mr. Ruger stated that the Committee had not yet made a recommendation to ask the voters to include salaries in the Charter and thus the vote to split the salary question into two questions currently had not merit.

Aaron Fleming moved to recommend that the voters be asked if they wish to have the salaries of the Mayor and City Councilors included in the Charter. Seconded by Marilyn Salzman.

1 Michelle Bunzel expressed concern that she was undecided on whether or not City Councilor
2 salaries should be included in the Charter. After discussion among the members, the motion
3 was withdrawn.
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5 Aaron Fleming moved to recommend that the voters be asked if they wish to have the salary of
6 the Mayor included in the Charter. Seconded by Marilyn Salzman.
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8 The motion carried by a vote of 6 FOR and 0 AGAINST.
9 YES: Lonnie Clayton, Phil Pigott, Tamera Gutierrez, Aaron Fleming, Michelle Bunzel,
10 Marilyn Salzman
11 NO: None
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13 The Committee Members briefly discussed the current ordinance for City Councilor salaries
14 (28% of the median household income) and whether or not that was an appropriate salary level
15 for the current role of the City Council. The members decided to continue this discussion, and
16 discuss approving a recommendation that the voters be asked if City Councilor salaries should
17 be included in the Charter, at their next meeting.
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19 2. Establishing Next Meeting Date
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21 The members discussed scheduling their next meeting. Marilyn Salzman stated that she would
22 like to establish a regular schedule of meetings.
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24 Marilyn Salzman moved to meet every other Thursday, beginning on September 22, 2016, at
25 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Lonnie Clayton.
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27 The motion carried by a vote of 6 FOR and 0 AGAINST.
28 YES: Lonnie Clayton, Phil Pigott, Tamera Gutierrez, Aaron Fleming, Michelle Bunzel,
29 Marilyn Salzman
30 NO: None
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32 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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34 **ADJOURNMENT**
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36 The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.
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38 **APPROVED THIS SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**
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44 **Stephen J. Ruger, City Clerk**
45 **SEAL**

Tamera Gutierrez, Chairperson