

KETCHIKAN CHARTER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
& WORKSESSION

October 18, 2005

The regular meeting of the Ketchikan Charter Commission commenced at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2005, in the City Council Chambers.

Roll Call

PRESENT: OTTE, HARRINGTON, PAINTER, THOMPSON, MCCARTY, FINNEY
ABSENT: KIFFER

A: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**B: CEREMONIAL MATTERS/INTRODUCTIONS**

NONE

C: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

D. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND/OR COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS

NONE

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S MCCARTY/ HARRINGTON to approve the minutes of the 9/16/05 meeting.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

F. VOUCHERS

M/S MCCARTY/FINNEY to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$97.10, the current balance of the Charter Commission account with the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce.

PAINTER noted that the expenditures were higher than that amount and OTTE responded that the excess expenditures were listed on the agenda item, a total of \$66.17 in excess to this point. Further expenditures are expected to be

incurred in mailing costs and costs for assembly of the necessary copies of the amended Petition documents. PAINTER said that he recommended that everyone share the excess expenses rather than placing the burden on one person. THOMPSON asked if OTTE had an estimate and she indicated she would let the Commissioners know. THOMPSON said that it appeared with the postage and other expenses, the costs would be about \$20 per Commissioner and four contributed at that time.

A roll-call vote was taken on the motion:

YES: PAINTER, HARRINGTON, MCCARTY, THOMPSON, FINNEY, OTTE

NO:

THOMPSON ruled that OTTE could not abstain from the vote because it was merely reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, not contractual work.

The motion passed 6-0.

G-1 It was determined that a work session was not needed at this meeting.

G-2 Not considered

H: OLD BUSINESS

H-1 Motion to approve Resolution No. 8

M/S HARRINGTON/FINNEY to approve Resolution No. 8.

MCCARTY wanted to know if the Borough had made a decision on their response. He said that the City said that the Manager was delegated to give their official response, but he wanted to know if the Borough put together a transmittal letter or anything as yet? THOMPSON said that the Borough passed a resolution that will be put in our packet for submittal to the LBC. He said he'd drafted the resolution and had one section referencing Borough staff having reviewed the Amended Petition, however, Borough staff had not reviewed the changes, but the Assembly said they had no objection to the question being placed before the voters. THOMPSON indicated he had not seen a final letter from the City Manager to the LBC. He was directed by the Council to continue being the respondent on behalf of the City.

THOMPSON indicated that he and OTTE had met with Karl the day before their meeting and unfortunately, he wasn't able to attend their meeting due to illness

and he did indicate verbally, and Bob Newell was also in the meeting, although they're not completely satisfied with all of our responses (naturally, there were some political decisions made), but they did feel that our response did meet the minimum requirements and they would have no objection to a recommendation that it be passed on to the voters.

OTTE indicated that she would include a copy of Karl's report to the Council in our Amended Petition to the LBC.

A roll-call vote was taken on the motion to approve Resolution No. 8.

FOR: OTTE, FINNEY, HARRINGTON, THOMPSON, PAINTER, MCCARTY
AGAINST:
ABSENT: KIFFER

FINNEY indicated that KIFFER had requested his comments be included since he was unable to attend. He said that he would have voted yes on the approval of the Resolution, provided there were no further changes to the document, as much as a period or a comma, from the last Commission meeting. THOMPSON asked that the meeting minutes reflect KIFFER's comments.

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

OTTE said that as a point of order to that agenda item, a draft transmittal letter was placed "on the table" for the Commissioner's review. It is dated Friday, October 18, in order to get the copies done prior to that date. THOMPSON said that it was essentially the same letter used to transmit the changes to the City and Borough. He said the only change was the last paragraph and discusses the fact that the Commission had gone through the changes that had been requested.

THOMPSON asked whether this letter should have been included on the agenda for a vote and OTTE indicated that because we had approved the Resolution and it was approved at the last meeting to forward up to the LBC after the City & Borough had met and had a chance to make their comments or do whatever they were going to do, then this is just FYI for the Commission members.

I: NEW Business

NONE

J. Commission Comments

MCCARTY said that hopefully this will make it through the rounds and we'll have an election in the not-too-distant future.

FINNEY said he thought that it was telling them that both existing governmental bodies were pretty tepid in their response to this. He said he's said all along that the best we're going to get is to have equally mad and that's probably the right document to put out there and that's why he feels we're right on it.

HARRINGTON said that he's glad we're here and glad that it's about done.

OTTE said she concurred with all of the above statements and she really appreciated having spent time with the gentlemen of the Commission, but she'd like a break.

PAINTER said that hopefully this is it. He said he was looking forward to the upcoming events. He requested that as soon as OTTE can figure it out, he requested a new calendar/schedule of events be assembled and disseminated. She indicated that she would do that after hearing from Mr. Bockhorst.

OTTE said that when she'd sent the agenda items to SitNews, Mary indicated that Dick had been gravely ill recently and she was having trouble keeping up with the website. I assured her that we were not her priority and wished Dick's quick recovery on behalf of the Commission. She encouraged the TV audience to keep good thoughts for the Kaufmans. They do a lot for the community and she said she certainly appreciates their efforts.

THOMPSON said that he echoed what everyone else has said. It's been a long road to get to this point and he said he thought FINNEY had hit it on the head when saying that nobody is completely satisfied with this document, but it is something that we can all stand behind and go forward. This will have a lot more review. He said his understanding is there will be a preliminary report from the LBC with a comment period; a final report from the LBC; two public hearings by the LBC in Ketchikan; and then they make their final decision that can then again be appealed. OTTE said that during the preliminary report, the LBC can request the Commission make specific changes, if they don't like the way we've spelled something (she said that was one of the things in the preliminary report to the City in their prior petition, that the words areawide & nonareawide be spelled as they are now).

THOMPSON said that the lion's share of the Commission's work was done, but there is a good chance that something could come up, so he said that moving on to adjournment, he would like to adjourn and recess to the call of the chair on the chance that we might need to be called back.

MCCARTY said that this thing is a work in progress and he thought that to some extent the local governments, and hopefully the people of Ketchikan, will understand that. It's going to take a lot of involvement and development to make it happen. All we've done is given it a skeleton to hang things on and now they'll decide what they want it to be.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:13 p.m., recessing subject to recall by the Chair.