



**Governance Task Force Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
March 21, 2005**

Members Present: Gerald Adler (Vice Chair), Val Dolcini, Susan Gefter, Ted Lascher, Michael Levy (Chair), Jon Li, Nick Mariano, Joan Poulos

Members Absent: John Garamendi

Staff Present: Bette Racki, Kelly Stachowicz, Zoe Mirabile

Meeting called to order by Chair Levy at 7:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

2. Task Members and Staff Communications

City Clerk Bette Racki informed the Task Force that a joint meeting with the City Council has been scheduled for April 12, 2005 from 9:00 – 10:30 p.m. Task Force directed staff to pursue a possible earlier time slot due to concern over public participation.

Task Force scheduled meetings for March 29, 2005 and April 4, 2005 (tentative).

3. Written Communications

None.

4. Public Communications

Lamar Heystek expressed his appreciation for the Task Force addressing crucial city governance issues.

5. Continued Final Consideration of All Items and Recommendations for Final Report

Joseph Stewart spoke in support of including choice voting in the original charter language and in opposition to a direct mayoral election.

Chris Jerdonek spoke in support of electing the Mayor through choice voting using one ballot, which would have separate lists for City Council and Mayor, and in opposition to an independent mayoral election.

I. Council Elections:

Tentative Recommendation: Choice or preference voting

A. Proposal submitted by Levy.

B. Counter-proposal submitted by Mariano.

Task Force decided to nominate a subcommittee to determine proposed language of recommendation regarding Council election.

II. Responsibilities of Mayor:

Tentative Recommendation: Mayor should not have independent executive or legislative powers apart from other councilmembers.

III. Mayoral selection:

J. Li moved, seconded by N. Mariano, approval of including both positions on mayoral selection in the final report. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

A. Vote of Council (Proposal submitted by Dolcini/Lascher)

V. Dolcini moved, seconded by T. Lascher, approval of designating the proposal for Council selection deciding Mayor as the final report recommendation. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: DOLCINI, LASCHER, LEVY, LI.
NOES: ADLER, GEFTER, MARIANO, POULOS.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

B. Mayor Elected by Public (Proposal submitted by Poulos)

G. Adler moved, seconded by J. Poulos, approval of designating the proposal for Mayor selection through the choice/preference voting system as the final report recommendation. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, GEFTER, MARIANO, POULOS.
NOES: DOLCINI, LASCHER, LEVY, LI.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

IV. Commissions:

A. Stream the Commission System (Proposal submitted by Dolcini/Lascher)

J. Li moved, seconded by V. Dolcini, approval of designating the proposal for streamlining the commission system, as amended by the Task Force, as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

B. Use by Council and Use by Public (Proposal submitted by Gefter)

J. Poulos moved, seconded by S. Gefter, approval of designating the proposal regarding effective advisory commissions, as amended by the Task Force, as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO, POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.
ABSTAIN: LASCHER.

C. Manner of Commissioner Appointments (Proposal submitted by Joan Poulos)

T. Lascher moved, seconded by J. Li, approval of designating the proposal for manner of commission appointment as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, POULOS.
NOES: MARIANO.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

D. Timing of Commissioner Appointments (Proposal submitted by Joan Poulos)

J. Poulos moved, seconded by T. Lascher, approval of designating the proposal for timing of commission appointments, as amended by the Task Force, as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

V. Public Participation

A. Date of elections (Proposal submitted by Lascher)

J. Poulos moved, seconded by G. Adler, approval of designating the proposal for November City Council elections as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: LI.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

VI. Size of the Council (Proposal submitted by Dolcini/Lascher)

V. Dolcini moved, seconded by J. Poulos, approval of designating the proposal for increase of Council membership size as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: LI.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

VII. Campaign Spending Ordinance (Proposal submitted by Dolcini/Lascher)
V. Dolcini moved, seconded by T. Lascher, approval of designating the proposal regarding the Campaign Finance Ordinance as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

VIII. Charter city status (Proposal submitted by Adler)
J. Poulos moved, seconded by T. Lascher, approval of designating the proposal for charter city status, as amended by the Task Force, as the final report recommendation. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

IX. Other Issues:
M. Levy moved, seconded by G. Adler, approval of designating the votes of members of the Task Force on each item. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: ADLER, DOLCINI, GEFTER, LASCHER, LEVY, LI, MARIANO,
POULOS.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: GARAMENDI.

Task Force appointed V. Dolcini, T. Lascher and M. Levy as a Subcommittee to consolidate recommendations and compose a draft final report.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.