

COMMITTEE B
CHARTER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 1991
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM

Present

James Cockett (Committee Chair)
Dolores Fabrao
Victor Reyes
Allan Sparks
Anne Takabuki
Jamie Woodburn
Lloyd Yonenaka
Sue Nakano-Ruidas (Staff)

Guests

Richard Haake
George Kaya

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Cockett called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None.

III. OVERVIEW/DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 8 - CHAPTER 1
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

A. Richard Haake, Managing Director responded to questions from Commissioners:

1. Asked his reaction to appointments by the Mayor being subject to Council approval, Haake stated he felt this was "the proper method" for most appointments. However, he didn't "see why the prosecuting attorney or managing director should be confirmed by the Council. Haake stressed that appointees need to know which branch of government they are responsible to. He also noted that Corporation Counsel services both arms "leading to unfortunate circumstances." He stated that he "likes the friction engendered by this type of government as it provides needed checks and balances."

III. OVERVIEW/DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 8 - CHAPTER 1
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (Continued)

2. When asked if we need more specific definitions as to qualifications for appointments, Haake responded that the "current system is okay" and he tends to disagree with the idea that you have to pick the most qualified person. He said he favors the "patronage system" and feels "the minimum qualifications set by the Charter right now are good."

Haake noted that he and the mayor are trying not to duplicate time and meetings, allowing for more "amplified time."

IV. OVERVIEW/DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 8 - CHAPTER 5
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROCEDURES

- A. George Kaya, Director of Public Works responded to questions from Commissioners:

1. He felt the person who holds the director of Public Works job has to be a good coordinator as he has to coordinate the functions of all five departments/divisions. "Of course, the department would be easier to manage if it were broken up."

He further noted that some departments are short staffed and that by having all five departments combined they can borrow staff back and forth. If departments were separated, staff shortage would be critical.

2. Kaya felt being separate from the Planning Department was "good since it provides its own checks and balances that way."
3. The County is trying not to get involved with recycling but are looking into privatizing land fills.

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V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of this committee will be held after the first of the new year in the Council Committee Room. Department heads to be invited are:

Stephanie Aveiro, Director of Human Concerns
Larry Butrick, Prosecuting Attorney
Guy Haywood, Corporation Counsel
Travis Thompson, Director of Finance

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

James Cockett, Committee Chair

Date