

CHARTER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 1991
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM

Present

Sherrilee Dodson (Vice Chair)
Dolores Fabrao
Annette Mondoy
Victor Reyes
Allan Sparks
Anne Takabuki
Jamie Woodburn
Debbie Wright

Guests

Maile Luuwai
David DeLeon
Marylou Green
Sally Raisbeck
Susan Nakano-Ruidas
Smokey Burgess
Paul Mancini
Lokelani Lindsay
Jill Engledow

Excused

James Cockett
Robert Nakasone (Chair)

Absent

Lloyd Yonenaka

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dodson noted a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 1991 meeting were approved as circulated.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 91-16 and 91-17 were accepted.

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V. PAUL MANCINI

Mr. Mancini presented his views on his work with previous Charter Commissions by enumerating the four phases of work:

- A. Information Stage – Commission members decide what they want to accomplish and seek information from various resources. The mayor, corporation counsel and council members are invited to share information and their concerns. Mancini suggested subcommittees for different articles be formed to gather information and input needed, and that a formal timetable be adopted.
- B. Analytical Stage – Each subcommittee reports back to full commission (requiring a shorter amount of time spent on review of each article), with recommendations and suggestions. Technical assistance is sought from each agency/department, research or resource people as needed for clarification. Public input is sought.
- C. Decision Stage – Commission as a whole decides on amendments needed and drafting of revisions is done.
- D. Communication Stage – Public is "sold" on amendments. Mancini noted that other commissions have used PR firms for this purpose.

Mr. Mancini left a copy of the Hilo commission's file (final report was not available) and suggested that Bob Bethae could be contacted for further information. He also recommended that commission members might want to read HGEA vs. County of Maui (re: the conflict between the Charter and the State statutes).

VI. COMMUNICATION 91-0, Article III

- A. Communication 91-11
Lokelani Lindsey, Vice Chair of the 1984 Reapportionment Committee, shared insights into the reasoning behind the attempt to reduce the number of council representatives from 9 to 7 and the residency requirements. She noted that the committee was represented in the outer districts (Hana, Lanai and Molokai) for public testimony by some members because of cost. She mentioned that "lots of money" was spent on newspaper ads to sell the amendment to voters.

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- VII. COMMUNICATION 91-0. Article III
No Council Representative was present. Deferred to 10/10/91.
- VIII. COMMUNICATION 91-0. Article IV
No Council Representative was present. Deferred to 10/10/91.
- IX. OVERVIEW OF ARTICLE III
Deferred to 10/10/91.
- X. OFFICE SPACE
Vice Chair Dodson presented office locations and equipment options. Allan Sparks moved to have Chair Nakasone and Secretary Nakano-Ruidas make decision on office space and equipment based upon budget.
- XI. OTHER BUSINESS
Discussion of legal support was deferred to 10/10/91.
- XII. NEXT MEETING
Thursday, October 10, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Committee Room.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Nakasone, Chairman 10/10/91
Robert Nakasone, Chairman *for* Date