

Minutes of June 18, 2025 Charter Review Commission

Charter Commission Members:

Ira Barbell, Rod Sherman, Forrest Edwards, Carol Arnold, Jim Abdallah, Lynn Schlesinger, Sandra Ghelman, Theresa Bennett

Subcommittee Updates:

No updates were provided

Discussion Summary:

The commissioners held a discussion focused on sections of the charter that may require revision. They expressed uncertainty about how best to explain the distinction between a mayor and a city manager, and voiced concerns about their capacity to conduct an effective public education campaign ahead of the November 2025 election.

Rod Sherman presented a draft version of the charter that consolidated multiple sources for comparison:

- **Black ink:** Current city charter
- **Red ink:** Proposed changes submitted to the mayor and council
- **Green ink:** Revisions considered in the 2016 charter
- **Blue ink:** Additions proposed by the Mayor's Committee in 2024 regarding the City Manager role

This color-coded document allowed commissioners to evaluate various perspectives and proposals in a single reference, aiding in the development of a final charter draft.

Public Comments:

No public comments were received.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.