

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING

Committee on Form and Scope of County Government Committee on Administration and Legislature

March 31, 2006

A joint meeting of the Charter Revision Commission's Committees on Administration and Legislature ("A&L") and on Form and Scope of County Government ("F&S") met at 8:00 a.m. on March 31, 2006 in a meeting room of the County Legislature. Present were Committee members Edward Rath, Chair (F&S), William Greiner, Gerald Kelly, James Magavern, Chair (A&L), John Maggiore, Vice-Chair (A&L) and Michael Risman. Also present by invitation were Peter Reese, Commission member, Brian White, Assistant County Attorney, Hank Bromley, Commission research analyst, John Davis, legislative clerk, Tim Minter, law student, and Legislators Michele M. Ianello and Cynthia E. Locklear.

Mr. Rath introduced Legislators Ianello and Locklear to initiate a discussion of the "Chinese Menu of Reform Options" they and Legislator Konst had presented to the County Legislature, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A wide-ranging discussion of the options ensued. The Legislators requested the Committees to advise them as to which of the options would, in the Committees' view, be suitable for Charter revision. It was agreed to refer the options to appropriate committees as follows:

Form and Scope Committee

- IV. Best Practices, except Initiative No. 3 (County Stat)
- VI. Structural Overhaul

Fiscal Affairs Committee

- III. Accountability, Initiative No. 3 (Performance Based Budget Standards)
- IV. Best Practices, Initiative No. 3 (County Stat)
- V. Fiscal Responsibility

Administration and Legislature Committee

- II. Transparency
- III. Accountability Initiative No. 1 (Staggered Form Year Terms; Two Term Limit)
Initiative No. 2 (Recall)
Initiative No. 4 (Solicitation Disclosure)

Legislators Ianello and Locklear will attend the meeting of the Administration and Legislative Committee on Friday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m.

The Committees then turned to a review of the most recent draft of Charter language to implement the County Manager proposal ("Release Candidate 4.0"). A number of further revisions were agreed upon. Mr. Rath said that he would request all Commissioners to transmit any revisions they might wish to propose to Messrs. Rath and Greiner by Monday, April 3 at 12:00 noon. With Mr. Minter's help, they will then prepare a new draft for review at a joint meeting of the Committees on Wednesday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m.

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