



# City of Vancouver 2024 Charter Review Committee

Meeting #3; December 14, 2023



# Amendments: Mayor Pro Tem

- **Topic:**
  - Article II: The Council

# Q&A and Discussion: Charter Committee Reflections

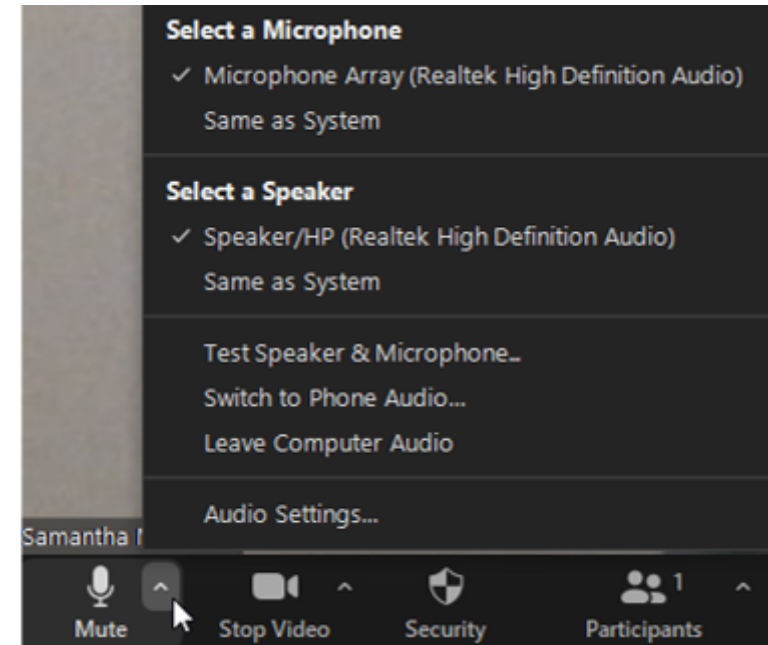
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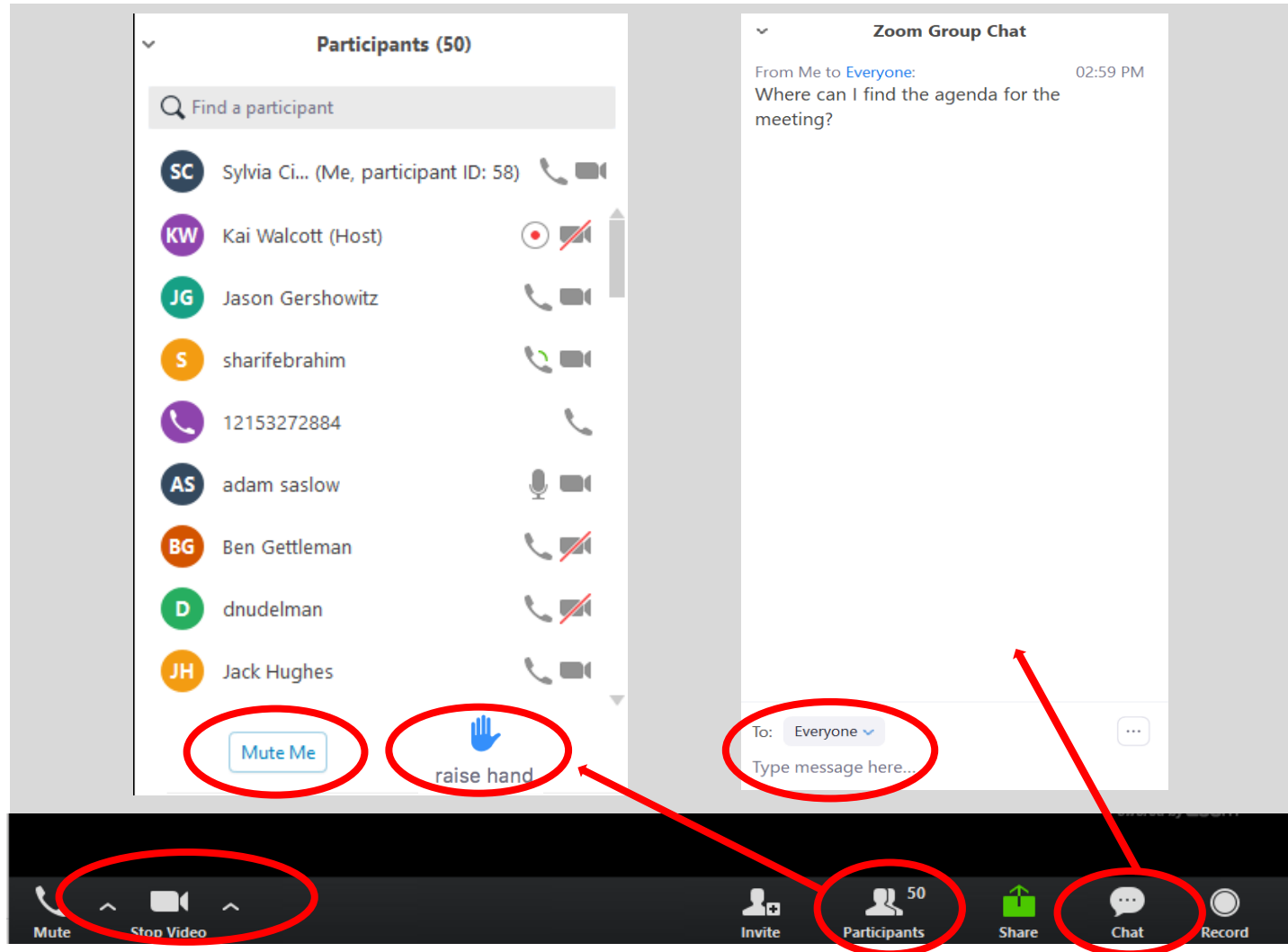
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# Zoom Meeting Tips



# Meet the City of Vancouver Team



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Policy and Program Manager

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Deputy City Attorney

## **Kerry Peck**

City Manager's Office Administrative  
Assistant



# Charter Review Timeline

Orientation, Committee Charge,  
Adoption of Ground Rules, Review of  
Process, Opening Remarks by the Mayor

Council members are  
invited to present issues

Community members are  
invited to present issues

Community members are  
invited to present issues &  
committee deliberations

Committee  
Deliberations

Update to council on  
Charter Committee  
progress

Adoption of  
recommendations  
for council

Reserved as  
needed

Council  
deliberation and  
approval

Notify auditors  
office of ballot  
measures

Voter pamphlet  
materials due to  
auditors' office

General  
election



# Meeting #3 Objectives

1. Recap and reflection on Charter Review Committee Meeting #2
2. Introduction of City Proposed Amendments
3. Introduction of Community Proposed Amendments
4. Discussion and deliberation of amendments
5. Identification of any edits, concerns, and agreement



# Agenda

- Welcome, Agenda, and Introductions
- Discussion: Introduction of City Proposed Amendments
- Discussion: Introduction of Community Proposed Edits
- Public Comment/Community Connections
- Next Steps and Conclusion
- Adjourn





Fully participate in Work Group meetings



Come prepared for meetings



Participate in an open and mutually respectful way



Balance of speaking time



Serve as a liaison to your larger community of interest



Act in good faith

# Recap Meeting #2

1. Recap and reflection on Charter Review Committee Meeting #2
2. Introduction of Proposed Amendments
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# Introducing City Proposed Amendments



# Amendments: Law (1 of 2)

~~**Section 11.05 Contracts Beyond One Year:** No contract involving the payment of money shall be made for a period of more than five years unless approved by ordinance.~~

~~(Amended by the vote of the people on November 5, 2019.)~~

**Proposed Amendment:** Delete Section 11.05 from the City Charter in its entirety.

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# Amendments: Law (2 of 2)

**Section 2.18d Citizens' Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries:** The commission may adopt a schedule of [annual] salary increases [the same way the City adjusts fees and charges to reflect an increase up to the change in the Consumer Price Index equal to an average of the prior two complete calendar years (Two-Year Average Adjustment).] ~~at the Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the West region as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the prior two years. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics discontinues publishing such index, the most similar index as determined by the city chief financial officer shall be applied.~~ The commission may propose a schedule of salary increases of more than ~~CPI-W~~ the [Two-Year Average Adjustment] provided that such schedule shall be submitted to the voters for approval. In the event the voters reject such greater increase, the increase within the foregoing limits shall go into effect. The commission may decrease salaries, provided that such decreases shall not be effective until the commencement of a new term of office. The commission may also choose not to adopt any salary change. The commission shall file its schedule of salary adjustments, if any, for the positions of Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Councilmember with the City Clerk by ~~May~~ [July] 1 of the applicable year, so as to coincide with the City budget cycle.

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# Introducing Community Proposed Amendments



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# Public Comment Instructions

## To verbally ask a question or make a comment:

- ▶ If you have joined by Zoom, click “Raise Hand.”
- ▶ If you have joined by phone, press \*9 to raise your hand.
- ▶ If you have joined in-person, raise your hand.
- ▶ The facilitator will call on participants. If you are joining virtually, you will receive an “unmute” request. Please accept it. If you are commenting by phone dial \*6 to unmute.
- ▶ Please provide your name and any affiliation.
- ▶ Attendees will be allocated up to three minutes for public comment depending on the number of commenters.
- ▶ **If we run out of time and you have not had a chance to speak, you can still provide written comments after the meeting.**



# Next Steps

- Project team to send Meeting #3 reflections form to committee members
- Committee members to complete Meeting #3 reflections form
- Committee members to share public input opportunities with community members
  - Meeting #4: January 23, 5-7pm
- Committee members to share availability for 2024 Charter Committee meetings



# Contact Us

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# Adjourn



## How to change Vancouver's Charter:

### 1) Charter Review

- a. Submit a proposal to City Council for a charter amendment,
- b. have a majority of Council vote to place the amendment on the ballot.
- c. Have the voters approve.

### 2) Direct petition of the voters

- a. The lawyers would need to chime in because while the Charter calls it out, it doesn't specify if it is the same requirements as an initiative (15% of # of voters in last municipal election) or Freeholders (25% of votes cast in last municipal election)

### 3) Election of freeholders to repeal or re-write the charter

- a. Petition of 25% of total votes cast in the last municipal election.
- b. Election of freeholders
- c. Direct submission of a rescinded, revised, or new charter

## Money raised for select City Council elections

2009

Mayor

- Royce Pollard \$172,289
- **Tim Leavitt** \$139,029

2013

Mayor

- **Tim Leavitt** \$104,664
- Bill Turley \$23,862

Race 1

- **Alishia Topper** \$61,729
- Jeanne Stewart \$12,831
- Ty Stober \$24,879

Race 2

- Galina Burley \$12,068
- Jeanne Harris \$610
- **Anne McEnery-Ogle** \$25,938

2015

Race 1

- Linda Glover \$28,445
- **Ty Stober** \$62,436

Race 2

- **Bill Turley** \$10,165
- George Francisco \$14,638

2017

Mayor

- **Anne McEnerny-Ogle** \$53,444
- Adam Hamide \$15,250
- Steven Cox \$5,504

Race 1

- Jacob Kerr \$3,306
- **Scott Campbell** \$21,324
- Nicolette Horaites \$890

Race 2

- **Linda Glover** \$25,025
- Michelle Beardshear \$1,470

2018

Race 1

- Mary Elkin \$11,219
- Sarah Fox \$8,734
- **Laurie Lebowsky** \$35,622

2019

Race 1

- Adam Aguilera \$23,659
- **Sarah Fox** \$14,345
- Paul Montegue \$6,769
- Diana Perez \$18,312
- Mike Pond \$14,972
- Jeanne Steward \$21,995

Race 2

- **Ty Stober** \$82,589
- David Regan \$14,704

2021

Mayor

- **Anne McEnerny-Ogle** \$55,121
- Doug Coop \$1,588

Race 1

- John Blom \$45,298
- **Kim Harless** \$30,711
- Mike Pond \$12,903

Race 2

- **Diana Perez** \$65,270
- David Gallatley \$18,216
- Glen Yung \$36,531

2023

- **Sara Fox** \$22,777
- Leah Perkel \$19,225