

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TACOMA CITY CHARTER  
AS RECOMMENDED TO THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL BY  
THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

City Council Chambers  
July 21, 1983

Mayor Sutherland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council members present: 6 - Bichsel, Hawkins, Ladenberg, Nielsen, Rasmussen, and Mayor Sutherland. Absent: 3 - Hyde, Kirby, and Strege.

Copies of the Tacoma City Charter and the proposed amendments to the Tacoma City Charter as recommended to the Tacoma City Council by the Charter Review Committee were available for the public in the back of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Sutherland announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to speak to and hear public testimony on the proposed amendments to the Tacoma City Charter as recommended to the Tacoma City Council by the Charter Review Committee. He stated that the three subcommittee chairpersons, Mr. Peter Kram, Ms. Karen Seinfeld, and Mr. Gus Carlson, would comment on the various amendments proposed and public testimony would then be allowed following each presentation.

Mayor Sutherland indicated that, in addition to public testimony, the Council would accept written testimony from the public. He also stated that the record would be kept open until August 1, 1983, for submission of written comments by the public.

Mayor Sutherland expressed his thanks to the members of the Charter Review Committee for their diligent efforts.

Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Gus Carlson, Chairperson of Subcommittee I, who made a presentation on proposed changes to Article II, Section 2.1.

Mayor Sutherland then called on the public for testimony. The following individuals spoke:

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| Audrey B. Eide   | Attorney representing the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce                                   |
| Lyle Quasim      | Representing the Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective, Tacoma Branch NAACP, and Tacoma Urban League |
| Louise Batchelor | 5123 North 45th Street   |

Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Gus Carlson, who made a presentation on proposed changes in Article III, Section 3.8.



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Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Peter Kram, Chairperson of Subcommittee II, who made a presentation on proposed changes to Article VI, Section 6.3 and Article VI, Section 6.8.

Mayor Sutherland called for public testimony. The following individuals spoke:

- Cynthia Hammer Co-president of the League of Women Voters.
- James King 1632 South Mullen.
- Louise Batchelor 5123 North 45th Street.

Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes to Article VI, Section 6.7.

Mayor Sutherland called upon the public for testimony. The following individuals spoke:

- Lyle Quasim Representing the Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective, Tacoma Branch in AACP, and Tacoma Urban League.
- Bobbie Lovelace 1603 East 34th Street.
- Cynthia Hammer Co-president of the League of Women Voters.
- Scott Alexander Citizens' Affirmative Action Council.
- Louise Batchelor 5123 North 45th Street.
- Valerie Gordon Representing Tacoma Concerned Citizens and Minority Concerns Task Force.

Mayor Sutherland called on Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article VI, Section 6.12.

Mayor Sutherland then called upon the public for testimony. The following individuals spoke:

- Scott Alexander Citizens' Affirmative Action Council.
- Catherine Ursich Civil Service Board member.
- Dan Emery Tacoma Civil Service League.

Mayor Sutherland announced that the Council would accept written public testimony on recommended changes.

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Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article VI, Section 6.14.

Mayor Sutherland then called upon the public for testimony. The following individuals spoke:

Cynthia Hammer Co-president of the League of Women Voters.

Scott Alexander Citizens' Affirmative Action Council.

Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article VI, new section.

Mayor Sutherland then called upon the public for testimony. The following individuals spoke:

Cynthia Hammer Co-president of the League of Women Voters.

Bobbie Lovelace 1603 East 34th Street.

Mayor Sutherland then called on Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article VII, Section 7.11.

Mayor Sutherland then called upon the public for testimony.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Sutherland called upon Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article VII, Section 7.16.

Mayor Sutherland stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Archie M. McLean supporting the proposed change which would be included in the record.

Mayor Sutherland called upon the public for testimony.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Sutherland called upon Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article IX, Section 9.3.

Mayor Sutherland called upon upon the public for testimony.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Sutherland called upon Mr. Peter Kram, who made a presentation on proposed changes of Article IX, new section.

Mayor Sutherland then called upon Mr. Bill Baarsma, who explained the rationale for the proposed changes.

Mayor Sutherland then called upon the public for testimony. The following individual spoke:

Cynthia Hammer Co-president of the League of Women Voters.

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Mayor Sutherland then called for final public comment on any of the issues before the Council.

The following individuals commended the Charter Review Committee on their efforts:

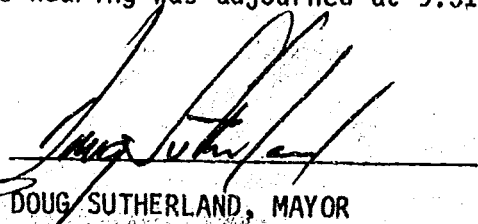
Dan Emery

Tacoma Civil Service League.

Bobbie Lovelace

1603 East 34th Street.

There being no further public testimony, the hearing was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

  
DOUG SUTHERLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:



GENELLE BIRK, CITY CLERK

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