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Meeting Minutes Special Meetings

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

3:00 PM

City Hall Downstairs Conference Room
416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg

Election System Review Committee

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Albin-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tess Albin-Smith, Ruben Alcalá, Jim Britt, Sharon Davis, June Lemos, Scott Menzies, and Rick Riley
Absent: Rex Gressett

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [19-121](#) Approve Minutes of February 22, 2019

The Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of February 22, 2019.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [19-131](#) Discuss, Research and Evaluate Election Systems

Committee members discussed Brown Act requirements for this committee and whether or not Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items should be on the agenda. The City Attorney sent an email recommending that any such comments should relate specifically to election reform matters that are not on the agenda because comments are limited to only matters within the jurisdiction of this committee. Chair Albin-Smith asked Sharon Davis to check with her contact at the County regarding Brown Act requirements for this committee. Other discussion items included:

- Pros and cons of district elections.
- Ranked Choice Voting.
- Changing from a general law city to a charter city.
- Increasing the salary for Councilmembers as an incentive to get better people to run for Council.

Public Comment was received from:

- Andrew Jordon stated that members of the Committee for Responsive Representation should be allowed to sit on the ad hoc committee and do not have a conflict of interest as stated by Mayor Lee at the meeting of January 14, 2019.

Discussion: The Committee discussed the following list of to-do items:

- Ask Council to write a letter of support for SB 212.

- Come to the next meeting prepared to talk about milestones and come up with a schedule.
- Invite the City Manager to speak at the next meeting to summarize the demographer's results and talk about district elections and the CVRA.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Albin-Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.