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Meeting Minutes Special Meetings

Friday, February 22, 2019

10:01 AM

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 10:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approve Minutes of February 13, 2019

The Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of February 13, 2019.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Rex Gressett commented that the City needs to have a creative, open, wide-ranging discussion of the future needs of the City.
- Jim Britt noted that the real problem for the City will always be the pension liability problem and suggested that the Visit Fort Bragg Committee should concentrate on bringing more revenue into the City to offset the pension debt.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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Receive Presentation from Don Rowe of Californians for Electoral Reform

Don Rowe introduced himself and gave background on how he got involved with election reform. He recommended that when the Committee presents a range of options to the Council next January, they should include a phase-in plan of three to five years. Mr. Rowe spoke about negotiations recently undertaken by the Cities of Santa Clarita and Mission Viego regarding cumulative voting. He spent time outlining three voting system options:

1. Limited Voting, where everyone gets one vote regardless of how many candidates there are.
2. Cumulative Voting, where everyone gets a number of votes they can distribute any way they want.
3. Ranked Choice Voting, where candidates are ranked in order of preference.

Each system has pros and cons and those were discussed.

Following the presentation, the Committee members agreed to meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning with Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 3:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Albin-Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.