

**GRAND COUNTY CHANGE IN FORM OF GOVERNMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**Grand County Council Chambers
125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah**

**MINUTES
August 9, 2019**

Call to Order

The Grand County Change in Form of Government Study Committee (“Study Committee”) met in Regular Session on the above date in the County Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stocks at 12:02 p.m. with a quorum present. In attendance at the call to order were Study Committee Members Judy Carmichael, Walt Dabney, Cricket Green, Bob Greenberg, and Marcy Till. Absent was Committee Member Jeremy Day due to a medical emergency. Also in attendance were Ruth Dillon (County Council Administrator) to take minutes, Attorney Gavin Anderson, and County Clerk/Auditor Chris Baird.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Judy.

Approval of Minutes

- A. August 2, 2019 (Study Committee Regular Meeting)

Chairperson Stocks requested any changes or corrections to the minutes. Marcy requested clarification for the meaning in a sentence at the top of page 3, and County Council Administrator Dillon stated that the sentence should read, “County Council Administrator Dillon suggested that full-time could potentially require the payment of full-time benefits, as is the case currently with county employees” rather than “as is the case currently in the County.”

MOTION:

Motion by Walt to approve the minutes of August 2, 2019 as corrected seconded by Marcy carried 6-0.

General Reports - none

Community Outreach and Possible Action

- B. Suggestions for additional public service announcement(s) and/or flyer update

Marcy reported that she ran a blurb in the Ad-Vertiser thanking citizens for input, stating that the Study Committee is continuing to work on the Optional Plan, and that the meeting schedule is posted, welcoming citizen attendance.

- C. Suggestions for next newspaper editorial regarding the public engagement process

Chairperson Stocks stated that he had no updates.

Citizens to Be Heard - none

Presentations

- D. Presentation and continued discussion on draft districting plans

Bill Cooper of Bristol, Virginia, districting consultant, attended by phone and led a third video conference reviewing draft districting map C, at the request of Study Committee Members. He stated that map C currently has an 11% overall deviation. He interacted with Study Committee Members for over an hour to redraw the map to arrive at 99.85% Moab City residents—as existed in 2010 within District 1 (urban).

Discussion and Possible Action on Study Strategy

- E. Discussion and possible action on recommending a districting plan, either with or without relying on voting precinct boundaries, for the Optional Plan

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to adopt the August 9, 2019 Districting Plan seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

It was clarified that any immaterial items of clean-up around the boundary edges is permitted as long as the numbers don't change. There was a request of Mr. Cooper to export the map as a .shp file and, when possible, provide a Google Earth link and .pdf of the map along with the statistics for forwarding to the Study Committee. Clerk/Auditor Baird stated that he desires to check with the Lieutenant Governor's Office to avoid unintended consequences when accounting for permutations.

Mr. Cooper summarized that Moab District 1 is overpopulated by 176 persons or 3.82% above ideal, and that Rural District 2 is underpopulated by 177 persons or 3.84% above ideal. He further explained that there are 7 residents in District 1 who are not part of Moab City, and that 264 Moab City residents will be placed in Rural District 2 along with a few others.

MOTION:

At 1:16 p.m., Bob moved and Walt seconded for a five-minute recess which carried 6-0.

At 1:21 p.m. Chairperson Stocks called the meeting back to order and introduced Item F.

- F. Continued discussion and possible action on elements to include in the Optional Plan for Grand County government

Attorney Anderson introduced the draft Optional Plan and stated that Clerk/Auditor Baird had provided his written comments in-line; such comments were provided in the packet. Attorney Anderson reviewed elements of the Plan, particularly those requiring Study Committee determinations on options.

Preamble

Clerk/Auditor Baird suggested a more common phrase than "locus of residuary powers" to which a consensus of Study Committee Members and Attorney Anderson agreed.

Part Two – The Legislative Body

Section 2.01 – Composition of the Council

Subsection 1.

Study Committee Members stated that a quorum of three had already passed by motion in a previous meeting.

Subsection 2. Attorney Anderson stated that traditionally a simple majority means three for a body of five, and that a super majority means four for a body of five.

Attorney Anderson agreed to wordsmith the first sentence in this subsection to include Clerk/Auditor Baird's suggested verbiage on the Council being able to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair annually yet without requiring a new Chair each year. Committee Members had consensus to allow the Chair and Vice-Chair full right to debate and vote in the Council and discussed, but without consensus, whether to allow the Chair to make motions.

MOTION:

Motion by Judy for a quorum requirement of three and for any affirmative vote to pass must have three votes, seconded by Bob carried 4-2 with Chairperson Stocks and Cricket opposed.

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued

Section 2.01 – Composition of the Council continued

Attorney Anderson explained that a change in the Optional Plan may be made by the new governing body except in the following instances which require a vote of the electorate: changing Council Member employment status from part-time; changing the distribution of executive or legislative powers; and/or changing the number of Council Members on the governing body.

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued

Section 2.02 – Council Members Elected At-Large

Subsections 2 and 3.

and

Section 2.03 – Council Members Elected by District

Subsections 2 and 3.

There was consensus among Study Committee Members for Attorney Anderson to indicate that the districts will be split between urban and rural as much as at all possible, with District 1 being primarily urban/city limits and District 2 being primarily rural/unincorporated county. This relates to Section 2.03 Subsection 2.

MOTION:

Motion by Cricket to have four-year terms for both at-large and district seats seconded by Bob carried 6-0. (Section 2.02 Subsection 3)

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to designate at-large seats as Seat A, Seat B, and Seat C seconded by Judy carried 6-0. (Section 2.02 Subsection 2)

MOTION:

Motion by Judy for at-large seats A, B, and C to be set on the Presidential election years and district seats 1 & 2 to be set on the Gubernatorial election years meaning the first district terms will be two-year terms if on the 2020 ballot, seconded by Marcy carried 6-0. (Section 2.03 Subsection 3)

Section 2.06 – Compensation of the Council

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to keep the compensation level the same as it is currently (at \$36,425 annually for the Chair and \$31,000 annually for each Council Member) and add a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) whenever all county employees receive it, seconded by Walt failed 1-5 with Cricket, Judy, Marcy, Stephen, and Walt opposed.

There was discussion regarding whether Council Members will continue to participate on County and District boards (referring to boards, commissions, and committee). County Council Administrator Dillon reported that there are approximately two dozen boards in which Council Members participate. Clerk/Auditor Baird clarified that the enabling documents that established these boards indicate that a Council Member must have a seat on the board.

MOTION:

Motion by Cricket to set Council Member annual salaries at \$24,000, with \$27,000 for the Chair, and COLA to coincide with COLA receipt by county employees, seconded by Bob carried 6-0.

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued

Section 2.06 – Compensation of the Council continued

MOTION:

Motion by Judy that any Council Member salary adjustment, excluding COLA, must pass by a majority vote, and not go into effect until the next term, seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to accept Grand County’s current travel and per diem policy for Council Members, seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

There was Committee consensus that Council Members, as part-timers, will not receive benefits.

Section 2.07 – Staff to the Council

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to adopt the language that Council Members may appoint a Council Administrator and other staff as may be necessary to discharge the duties of the Council and motion to recess after the vote on this matter, seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

At approximately 3:05 p.m. the Committee recessed and Cricket announced that Jeramy has a medical illness and sends his sorrow that he cannot be here.

At 3:10 p.m. Chairperson Stocks called the meeting back to order.

Section 2.08 – Voting on the Council

Subsection 1.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to adopt the language that a Council Member may abstain from any vote, seconded by Marcy carried 6-0.

Section 2.09 – Meetings of the Council

Subsection 1.

MOTION:

Motion by Walt to set a minimum of two Council meetings per month, seconded by Judy. Walt amended his motion, and Judy accepted, to add language to include “emergency” meetings called in the manner provided by “law.” Amended motion carried 5-1 with Bob opposed.

There was Committee consensus to add language to Subsection 1 to signify, “unless the meeting is cancelled under subsection 4.”

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to change “Council Board Room” to “Council Chambers of the Grand County Courthouse or other designated County Offices.”

Subsection 3.

There was consensus to replace “Robert’s Rules of Order” with “County policy.”

Section 2.10 – Powers and Duties of the Council

Subsection 4.

Attorney Anderson stated that he would add a section regarding the process for budget.

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued
Section 2.10 – Powers and Duties of the Council continued
Subsection 8.

Committee Members discussed and then agreed to come back later in the session to discuss this matter further regarding advice and consent to appointments in the Executive Branch.

Subsection 9.

Attorney Anderson explained that statute requires the Council to choose one of three “levels of intrusion” with respect to hiring: 1) involvement in hiring of all county employees; 2) approving personnel allocations and budget; or 3) approving personnel budget without specifying the number of people.

Attorney Anderson explained as an example that the Council may tell the Sheriff what to do on seatbelt policy but, as written, “may not supervise the statutory and professional duties and authority of the elected Officers, except as provided by state law.”

Subsection 11.

There was discussion as to whether dividing the County into precincts is an obsolete practice. No change was made to the language, thus the term “precinct” remains in the paragraph.

Subsection 12.

Attorney Anderson stated that most boards are an executive branch function rather than legislative branch function yet this subsection refers to filling “vacancies on County boards whose membership is, pursuant to state law, composed of Council appointees.”

Subsection 13

Attorney Anderson explained the term “franchises.”

Section 2.11 – Appointment of County Manager

Subsection 1

MOTION:

Motion by Walt for the hiring of the County Manager to require a vote of four Council Members seconded by Bob carried 6-0.

MOTION:

Motion by Judy for the firing of the County Manager to require a vote of four Council Members seconded by Cricket carried 6-0.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to add language “without cause” seconded by Judy carried 6-0.

Subsection 2.

MOTION:

Motion by Judy to strike Section 2.11 Subsection 2 and replace with language such as, “The County Human Resources Department may consult with the newly elected Council Members to begin the process of searching for a County Manager immediately after Election Day for a County Manager to be appointed by the new County Council.”

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Motion by Marcy to strike Section 2.11 Subsection 2 and replace with language such as, “The County Human Resources Department, in consultation with the newly elected Council Members, shall initiate the process of searching for the County Manager,” seconded by Cricket carried 6-0.

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued

Section 2.12 – Prohibitions

Subsection 2.

MOTION

Motion by Bob to modify Section 2.12 Subsection 2 to delete the language, “except that a Council Member may contract with the County” seconded by Walt failed 1-5 with Cricket, Judy, Marcy, Stephen, and Walt opposed.

Subsection 3. There was Committee consensus to leave this paragraph regarding Council Member recusals as written. Attorney Anderson had stated that recusals are not required in state law.

Subsection 5. This section clarifies separation of legislative and executive powers with respect to attempts by the Legislative Branch to influence employees.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to include Section 2.12 Subsection 5 as it reads in full with no changes, seconded by Marcy carried 6-0.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob (at 4:36 p.m.) to recess for ten minutes seconded by Marcy carried 6-0.

At 4:54 p.m. Chairperson Stocks called the meeting back to order.

Part Three – County Manager

Section 3.01 – The County Manager

Subsection 1.

MOTION:

Motion by Cricket to adopt the minimum qualifications of education and experience as written in the current County Council Administrator job description (as provided in the packet) requiring a master’s degree and four years of management experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience, was seconded by Bob. Cricket amended her motion, with Bob’s approval, to add language “and is compliant with Grand County policies.” Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob for the County Manager to reside or relocate to within one hour of response time to the Grand County Courthouse Office seconded by Walt carried 5-1 with Bob against.

There was Committee consensus to change “term of office” to “term of employment”. There was Committee consensus to strike the last sentence, “The Manager shall be an at-will employee” and to replace with “At the discretion of the County Council, the position may be contracted.”

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to clarify that the County Manager position is an “FSLA exempt” full-time position.

Subsection 3.

There was Committee consensus to require a vote of four of the County Council to select the County Manager, as previously motioned and approved.

Part Three – County Manager continued

Section 3.02 – Vacancy and Removal

Subsection 1.

There was Committee consensus to require a vote of four of the County Council to remove the County Manager for any reason (rather than “cause”), as previously motioned and approved.

Subsection 4.

There was Committee consensus to correct “elective” to “elected” public office and to add “or other employment or contracts with Grand County other than the County contract for employment.” Attorney Anderson agreed to wordsmith this section.

Attorney Anderson explained that an elected official vacancy is determined by one of four occurrences: 1) death; 2) disqualification/moving out of voting area; and one other that he could not recall.

Section 3.03 – Compensation

MOTION:

Motion by Marcy that the Compensation section is to read, “The County Manager compensation package shall be determined by the County Council in conjunction with the Human Resources Department based on qualifications and experience of the candidates seconded by Walt. Marcy amended her motion, and Walt agreed, to have this language replace the current language. Motion carried 6-0.

There was Committee understanding that the Human Resources Department could recruit prior to the seating of the newly elected Council using the term “salary commensurate with experience” in lieu of a salary range.

Section 3.04 – Powers and Duties

Subsection 6. There was Committee consensus to clarify “assigning” work in the Executive Office. Attorney Anderson agreed to wordsmith.

Subsection 7.

Attorney Anderson stated an option that Committees established by the County Manager do not require Council advice and consent. He stated that Council advice and consent is for the purpose of checks and balance between the legislative and executive branch.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to adopt Section 3.04 Subsection 7 with language such as, “The Council may elect to require advice and consent for such appointments except as prescribed by law” seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

Subsection 8.

Gavin explained that the Council, not the County Manager, appoints the Budget Officer. There was consensus to add “if so appointed by the Council” to the phrase “to include serving as the County Budget Officer.”

Subsection 9.

There was Committee consensus to delete this Subsection 9 regarding acting in the capacity of County Budget Officer.

Part Three – County Manager continued
Section 3.04 – Powers and Duties continued

Subsection 10.

Attorney Anderson explained that, per state code, the Council “may” delegate accounting to the county executive or to offices or department directors. He further stated that payroll responsibility is not designated in state code.

There was Committee consensus to move this Section 3.04 Subsection 10 to Part Two, The Legislative Body, new Section 3.16.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to add language from statute regarding County Council ability to delegate finance responsibility to the county executive or to Offices, seconded by Walt carried 6-0.

MOTION:

Motion by Judy to strike the language in Section 3.04 Subsection 10 beginning with “The Manager’s capacity” and ending with “County Auditor” seconded by Bob carried 6-0. The stricken sentence follows: “In the Manager’s capacity as County Budget Officer, the Manager shall be responsible for fund oversight, payroll management, directing, planning and budgeting, and supervising financial administrative and management necessary to those functions except where such functions are delegated to the County Auditor.”

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. until Monday (August 12, 2019) at noon. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Subsection 12.

There was Committee consensus to change “long range planning...” to “long range strategic plans...”

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued

Section 2.12 – Prohibitions continued

Subsection 2.

MOTION:

Motion by Bob to add language in Section 2.12 Subsection 2 regarding the Council Member contracting, either personally or through a business, subject to the requirements and prohibitions of state law and county ordinance regarding contracting and conflicts of interest, “to require specific approval of the Council” seconded by Marcy carried 4-2 with Cricket and Stephen opposed.

Clerk/Auditor Baird reported to Study Committee Members that, due to time constraints outlined in state code, once submitted, the Optional Plan cannot be altered for this year’s ballot.

Part Four – Administrative Offices, Departments and Agencies

Section 4.03 – Department Directors

Bob suggested requiring Council advice and consent on hiring and removal of Department directors and to require Council approval of the allocation and budget of positions. There was no opposition. After discussion led by Clerk/Auditor Baird, Attorney Anderson agreed to work on the language to avoid using “division” wording.

It was noted that Section 4.05 needs to be corrected to 4.04 to be in chronological order.

MOTION:

At 6:44 p.m. Judy moved and Cricket seconded to recess for fifteen minutes, carried 6-0. Bob had announced that he had a prior commitment and left at the recess.

At 7:04 p.m. Chairperson Stocks called the meeting back to order.

Part Three – County Manager continued

Section 3.04 – Powers and Duties continued

Subsection 12. continued

MOTION:

Motion by Judy to add “strategic plans” seconded by Marcy carried 5-0.

Subsection 14.

After briefly discussing the Clerk/Auditor’s comment that the County Attorney also has this power, there was Committee consensus to leave Section 3.04 Subsection 14 as is regarding the County Manager’s power to control and direct litigation in which the County is a party.

Subsection 15.

Attorney Anderson read a dictionary.com definition of deputy, “a person appointed or authorized to act as a substitute for the manager.”

MOTION:

Motion by Walt to change the term “deputy” throughout the Optional Plan to “assistant manager” related to County Manager, and to define assistant manager to mean “to assume the duties of the Manager in the event the County Manager is unable to do so,” seconded by Cricket carried 5-0.

Section 3.05 – County Manager Deputy and Staff

Subsection 1.

MOTION:

Motion by Marcy to change the language in Section 3.05 Subsection 1 to “The County Manager may appoint an Assistant Manager who shall assist the Manager and have such power and authority as may be delegated and assigned by the Manager. The Assistant Manager shall reside within sixty minutes of the Courthouse office and will serve as acting Manager in the temporary absence or short-term incapacity of the Manager. As acting Manager, the Assistant Manager shall exercise all of the powers of the office of the Manager, except as may be limited in writing by the Manager.” The motion was seconded by Cricket and carried 5-0.

Part Four – Administrative Offices, Departments and Agencies

Section 4.01 – General Provisions

Subsection 1.

This section states that Departments are established by County ordinance and subsections within Departments are established by the Manager.

MOTION:

Motion by Cricket to adopt Section 4.01 Subsection 1 language as is, seconded by Marcy carried 5-0.

Gavin stated that he will create a definition in the Preamble section for the word “Division” to mean a division of a Department.

Part Four – Administrative Offices, Departments and Agencies continued

Section 4.01 – General Provisions continued

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language as is regarding each Departments et al shall be administered by a qualified director or by an Officer elected.

Subsection 3.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language as is regarding use of ordinance etc. conveying powers or imposing duties, shall be construed to include their subordinates to the extent of acting within their authority.

Subsection 4.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language as is regarding the County Council by ordinance shall provide for the placement of functions required by law, including personnel management.

Section 4.02 – County Officers

Attorney Anderson stated that he will add a statement that all current elected officials shall be retained.

Part Five – Transition Plan and Effective Date

Section 5.01 – Transition

Subsection 2.

MOTION:

Motion by Judy to have language that the term is up for the Council Member and that there is no compensation going forward. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION:

Motion by Cricket to adopt the Section 5.01 Subsection 2 language as edited as follows: “Any former council member whose office is dissolved upon transition to this Plan will not receive compensation but will maintain his/her office of regular salary until the first Monday of January 2021.” Walt seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

Section 5.02 – Adoption Vote

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.02 as is, which is regarding when the Plan is to be considered adopted.

Section 5.03 – Effective Date

Subsection 1.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.03 Subsection 1 as is, which Attorney Anderson stated is language from statute and is regarding the effective date of the Plan being the date on which the Clerk/Auditor provides a certified copy of the Plan to the Lieutenant Governor’s Office. Attorney Anderson agreed to wordsmith “take effect.”

Subsection 3.

There was Committee consensus to correct the date of January 1, 2021 to the first Monday of 2021 which was erroneously reported to be January 6, 2021.

Part Five – Transition Plan and Effective Date continued

Section 5.04 – Prior Optional Plan

Subsection 1.

There was Committee consensus to correct the date of January 1, 2021 to the first Monday of 2021 which was erroneously reported to be January 6, 2021.

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.04 Subsection 2, which is regarding partisan elections for Council and Officers, not subject to term limitations, and may not be recalled or removed from office except by the judicial removal process set out in state law.

Section 5.05 – Continuity of Government

Subsection 1.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.05 Subsection 1 as is, which is regarding retention of rights, powers, etc. in addition to liabilities prior to the adoption of this Plan.

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.05 Subsection 2 as is, which is regarding no interruption in continuity, etc. or jurisdiction of government by adoption of this Plan, including all executive, legislative, judicial, enforcement, or administrative proceedings pending during the transition to this Plan.

Subsection 3.

There was Committee consensus to slightly modify the language of Section 5.05 Subsection 3 to add “and policies,” which subsection is regarding in general the continuity of all ordinances, rules and regulations “and policies” previously in full force and effect.

Subsection 5.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.05 Subsection 5 regarding all debts, obligations, and liabilities remaining unaffected by the adoption of this Plan.

Subsection 6.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.05 Subsection 6 regarding contractual rights remaining unaffected by the adoption of this Plan.

Section 5.06 – Cooperation by all Public Officials

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.06 requiring all County Officers and employees to cooperate fully with the terms of this Plan.

Section 5.08 – Separability and Inconsistency

Subsection 1.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.08 Subsection 1 regarding the effect of any provision of this Plan to be held invalid having no effect on the other provisions of the Plan.

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 5.08 Subsection 2 regarding any inconsistency or contradiction with any existing ordinance, rule, regular or other source of the law, that adoption of this Plan is considered to repeal such with no further effect after January 6, 2021, and more precisely January 4, 2021 (rather than January 1, 2021).

Part Two – The Legislative Body continued
Section 2.10 – Powers and Duties of the Council continued
Subsection 8 (new Subsection 9).

There was Committee consensus to clarify the language of Section 2.10 Subsection 8 regarding power for advice and consent to appointments in the Executive Branch, to add “as set out in Part Three,” where such advice (corrected from advise) and consent is “required” (in place of “authorized”) by this Plan or by state law. It was further clarified that the Manager appoints and removes the Assistant Manager, and the Council provides advice and consent to the Manager in hiring and removing the Department directors.

Section 2.04 – Reapportionment and Adjustment of Council Districts
Subsection 1.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 2.04 Subsection 1 which requires that populations be reapportioned by the Council within one year after each decennial census report is available and to, as much as practical, remain consistent with the original geographical configuration. Attorney Anderson agreed to add language to reflect the intention of One Person, One Vote

Subsection 2.

There was Committee consensus to keep the language of Section 2.04 Subsection 2 to require that the map of the initial Council district, with respective voting precincts, be attached as Exhibit A to this Plan.

Future Considerations

Attorney Anderson impressed upon the Study Committee the importance of receiving the adopted map from Mr. Cooper in order to attach it as part of adopting the draft Optional Plan with draft districting maps, such adoption for consideration at a special Study Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 at noon in the Council Chambers. He recommended having it reproducible in black and white, letter size, for distributing all around the community. Further he reported that he will be attending by phone.

Chairperson Stocks brought up a request by Bob for an agenda item for August 12th to consider consulting with county Elected Officials on the draft Optional Plan. There was discussion for a need to explain the draft Plan to Elected Officials who have had opportunities to participate in the Plan development via the Open Houses, the survey, and the open meetings and other means. The consensus of the participating Study Committee Members was to deny the request for the August 12th agenda and to develop a public relations plan to help elected officials and the general public understand the Plan contents.

Attorney Anderson reiterated that, once submitted, no changes can be made to the draft Plan within 120 days of the November election, which date was July 8, 2019. He stated that any necessary changes would be related to a 2020 election rather than 2019.

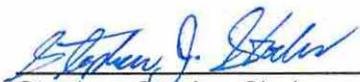
Attorney Anderson provided an overview of the necessary Recommendation and Report slated for Study Committee adoption August 12th. Attorney Anderson stated that the Study Committee may hold public hearings but are not required to do so. Walt suggested holding events at the same three places as the June open houses. It was also suggested to use the Open House materials again, with the possibility of adding a visual aid showing important aspects of “Current Form of Government” compared alongside the proposed “New Form of Government.”

Attorney Anderson stated that the Study Committee may soon, in timely advance of the November 2019 election, publish a “pro” statement and/or “anti” (“con”) statement for a Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP), and that such VIP could potentially also have a citizen rebuttal to the pro statement as well as a citizen rebuttal to the anti (con) statement.

Closed Session(s) (if necessary) - none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. by a motion that carried unanimously as made by Judy and seconded by Walt.



Stephen Stocks, Chairperson



Nancy Till, Secretary