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RE-AFFIRMED ACTION OF 5/28/95 REGARDING OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY & RESCINDED ACTION OF 5/95 REGARDING OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY; ADOPTED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A BALLOT MEASURE FOR A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER FINANCIAL DUTIES OF THE CITY CLERK TO THE CITY MANAGER, DELETING ACCOUNTING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, DELETING REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY CLERK POST A BOND, & REMOVING ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS & THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM SUPERVISION BY THE CITY MANAGER & DIRECTED STAFF TO AMEND PROP A ACCORDINGLY

Regarding the recommendation to review and forward to the City Council the Committee's resolution(s) regarding changes in the offices of the City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney and City Manager, Member Cote stated that the Committee's credibility is on the line, and the Committee should rescind all action taken at the May 1995 meeting regarding the City Attorney, with the exception of the subject of qualifications, because the Committee previously handled those matters in May of 1994.

Member Dreizler moved, seconded by Alternate Member Snow, to reconsider the Committee's actions of May 1995 regarding the subject of the appointment of the City Attorney.

Member Cote made a substitute motion, seconded by Member Toomey, to re-affirm the Committee's actions of May 28, 1994 regarding the City Attorney, and to rescind the Committee's actions of May 1995 regarding the City Attorney.

Prior to the vote:

Member Cote commented that in May 1994, the Committee completed its work on the subject of the City Attorney, with the exception of the subject of qualifications.

Member Toomey asked the City Attorney about his position, to which City Attorney Jerry Goddard responded that his position is consistent with the Committee's actions of May 1994.

Member Toomey believed that the position should remain an elected position rather than appointed.

Member Lenke expressed support for maintaining an elected City Attorney rather than an appointed City Attorney, because it provides a system of checks and balances.

Member Cote and Alternate Member Snow expressed support for having an elected City Attorney rather than an appointed City Attorney.

Member Dreizler indicated that her main concern is regarding the qualifications of that office, and expressed support for

having an elected City Attorney rather than an appointed City Attorney.

John Parsons of Redondo Beach noted that a lot of qualified people don't even run for the office because the position does not pay enough, and most private attorneys would be taking a pay cut if they were elected to the office of City Attorney in Redondo Beach.

Member Cote's substitute motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Dreizler, Toomey, Lemke, Alternate Member
Snow, Cote, Serena;

NOES: None;

ABSENT: Schmalz (Alternate Member Snow substituting).

Regarding the memorandum from Assistant City Attorney Remelmeyer dated June 24, 1995 and the proposed resolution, entitled "A Resolution of the Charter Review Committee of the City of Redondo Beach, California, Recommending that the City Council place on the Ballot a Proposed Charter Amendment Transferring the Financial (Including Accounting) Duties of the City Clerk to the City Manager, Deleting the Accounting Course Requirements for Candidates for the Office of City Clerk, Deleting the Requirement that the City Clerk Post a Bond, and Removing Elected Department Heads and their Employees from Supervision by the City Manager," Assistant City Attorney