

**CHARTER COMMITTEE FOR THE  
CITY OF LA PINE MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, November 30th - 6:00 PM**  
51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739  
South County Building Meeting Room

1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Added Agenda Items  
Any matters added to the agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” portion of this Agenda.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
- October 9, 2010  
- November 9, 2010
6. Finalization of Charter Recommendation to the City Council
7. Public Comments
8. Other Matters  
Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4
9. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Commission/Committee to consider or discuss additional subjects. The meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432.

**CHARTER COMMITTEE FOR THE  
CITY OF LA PINE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 30th - 6:00 PM**  
51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739  
South County Building Meeting Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Bob Steffens called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Establish Quorum

Present Were:

Bob Steffens

Linda Johnston

Ken Mulenex

Patricia Johnson

Patrice Mousseau

Linda Bauman

Laura Beebe

Sandra Jones

Mary Thorson

**Quorum Established**

City Manager Allen was also in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Steffens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Added Agenda Items

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None

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- October 9, 2010

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Patrice Mousseau asked to have a sentence re-worded on the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes, page 2, section 8 when Paul Dunger speaks to read 'voiced his opinion' instead of the wording 'complained.' There were no corrections to the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.

Both Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee members with changes as noted.

6. Finalization of Charter Recommendation to the City Council

There was a discussion of an editorial in the Bend Bulletin in support of not having a non resident serve on the Council. There was also a letter from Jayne Benner of the La Pine Economic Development Committee requesting

that the committee continue to consider a non resident for a Council position. Ken Mullenex discussed the Public Hearing on the Charter and the good comments that were made by the public at that meeting. Chair Steffens expressed surprise that the general consensus at the Public Hearing was to not allow a non Deschutes County resident be on the Council. Linda Johnston expressed concern about a non resident serving because of possible legal complications in the future. She said, however, 50% of the tax base in La Pine is paid by nonresident business owners.

Patrice Mousseau expressed a desire to have a non resident seat on the Council and that she would support this position. Ken Mullenex stated that the Charter committee itself has four non residents on it and that there are several advisory committees that allow non residents to sit on them. He said these nonresident positions, on the City committees, have a lot of influence and can direct how the City operates.

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Mary Thorson stated she was for a non resident Councilor initially, but since they do serve on committees and have influence that way she is less inclined to favor a non resident on the City Council.

#### Public Comment

John Thomas, area resident, stated that the committee should go with the majority vote on the nonresident issue but emphasized including non residents as much as possible as they are part of this community.

Stu Martinez, area resident, stated he does not like the word 'outsider' and prefers nonresident. He said involving all neighbors to be included in City activities is a good thing but he does not think that the Charter will pass with a nonresident Councilor. Mr. Martinez also said he favors allowing the Mayor to vote.

There was also a discussion of why the committee had decided to have the Mayor hold only a two year term as opposed to a four year term. The committee voted 7-2 in favor of the Mayor serving a two year term.

The committee also discussed having the Mayor vote in ties only. Ken Mullenex stated that this allows the Mayor to manage the Council and deal with the issues that come up without having to put a lot of effort into taking a position on a particular subject. In response to a question from Stu Martinez, it was confirmed that the Mayor would be able to take part in the discussion on a particular subject, just not vote unless there was a tie. The committee voted 6 to 3 to have the Mayor only vote in a tie situation.

The committee also voted 8-1 in favor of requiring all Councilors to be City residents.

City Manager Allen said the next step is for the Charter to go out for legal review and then to the City Council probably sometime in January 2011 for review.

#### 7. Public Comments

Previously noted.

#### 8 Other Matters

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None.

9. Adjourn

Chair Steffen adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

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Chair Bob Steffen

Attest:

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City Manager/Recorder Rick Allen