

**Whatcom County
Charter Review Commission
Meeting Minutes**

January 25, 1995

I. Call to Order by Chairperson Kathy Sutter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Board Room, Second Floor, Bellingham City Hall, by Chairperson Kathy Sutter.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Keith Ahrens
Danna Beech
Joe Elenbaas (arrived late)
Karen Frederick
Yvonne Goldsmith (arrived late)
Don Hansey
Darlene McLeod
Ron Polinder
Ray Radke
Mary Scrimsher
Orphalee Smith
Kathy Sutter
Terry Unger

Absent, but excused:

Georgia Gardner
Mary Stender

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 1995 Meeting

Acting Recording Secretary Kerstin M. Bailey read the minutes into the record.

Joe Elenbaas arrived at this point in the meeting.

Smith moved to approve of the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 12 - 0, with Goldsmith, Gardner, and Stender absent.

IV. Open Session

Chairperson Sutter opened the floor for open session.

Since no members of the public wished to speak, Chairperson Sutter closed open session.

V. Confirmation of Secretarial Hiring

Chairperson Sutter reported that no recommendation is available at this time.

VI. Budget Review

Smith and Woods reported as requested by the Commission and recommended that the Commission ask for \$8,000 additional funding from the Council in the form of a supplemental budget request.

Ahrens moved to request from the Council additional funding.

Smith moved to amend the motion to request an additional \$8,000 for the total amount of \$18,000.

Motion, as amended, carried 9 - 3, with Unger, McLeod, and Beech opposed, and Goldsmith, Gardner, and Stender absent.

VII. Discussion of Meeting Dates and Format

Chairperson Sutter brought a recommendation of meeting times and locations, as requested by the Commission. The recommended schedule is as follows:

February 8	Blaine City Hall
February 22	Lynden Christian High School
March 8	Ferndale City Hall
March 22	Harmony Elementary School.

Elenbaas moved to accept the proposed schedule.

Motion carried 12 - 0, with Goldsmith, Gardner, and Stender absent.

VIII. Prioritization of Issues to be Reviewed

Polinder moved to use the present outline in the Charter to serve as the guide with which we will deal with issues, with the understanding that we have considerable flexibility in that, so that if we agree to alter that outline, we should be able to do that with mutual agreement.

Motion carried 12 - 0, with Goldsmith, Gardner, and Stender absent.

The Commission proceeded to read through and discuss briefly each section of the Home Rule Charter.

Randall J. Watts, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, answered questions.

Yvonne Goldsmith arrived at this point in the meeting.

Chairperson Sutter called for a five minute recess at 8:23 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m., Chairperson Sutter reconvened the meeting. The Commission continued reading and discussing the Home Rule Charter.

IX. Initial Discussion of Issues

While reading through the Home Rule Charter, the Commission discussed specific issues briefly.

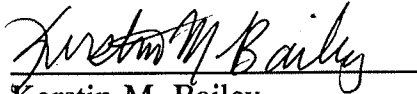
X. Discussion of Next Agenda

Items to be included on next week's agenda: Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading and Approval of Minutes from January 25, 1995 Meeting, Open Session, Confirmation of Secretarial Hiring, Format of Information Gathering Meetings, Overview of Charter, and Other Business.

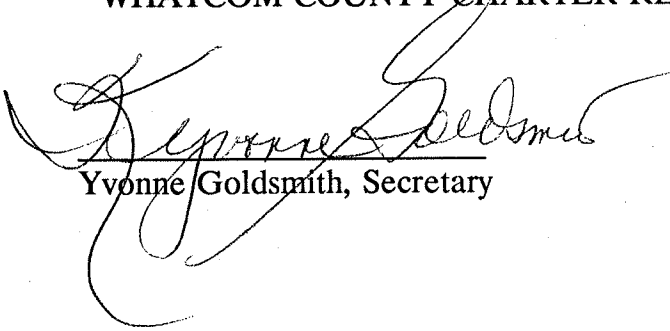
XI. Adjourn

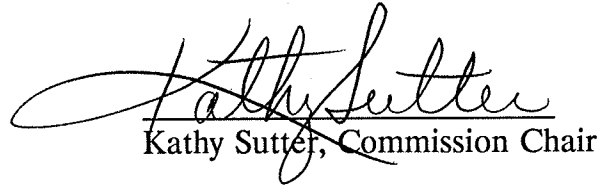
The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 by Chairperson Sutter.

Respectfully submitted,


Kerstin M. Bailey
Acting Recording Secretary

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Yvonne Goldsmith, Secretary


Kathy Sutter, Commission Chair