

MINUTES OF THE MAUI
COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

DATE: September 9, 1975
PLACE: Cameron Center, Conference Room, Wailuku, Maui, 96793
CALL TO ORDER: 3:05 p.m.
PRESIDING: Monsignor Charles Kekumano, Chairman
MEMBERS PRESENT: Monsignor Charles Kekumano, Chairman
Edwina Bright
Margaret Cameron
Hideo Abe
Catalino Agliam
Ralph Murakami
Stephen Petro
Lloyd Sodetani
Joseph Souki
Allan Sparks
Sanae Moikeha
OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Mancini, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Carl Longo, Press

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of August 25, 1975 and September 3, 1975 were approved as read.

Materials Distributed

The following materials were distributed to the Commission:

- a. Provision on Department of Community Development
- b. Letter to Mr. Kazuo Kage, Planning Commission
- c. Article: Code of Ethics

New Business

Monsignor Kekumano thanked Attorney Paul Mancini for his invaluable help and time with the Charter Commission. (Mr. Mancini was appointed the executive assistant to the Mayor.)

Monsignor Kekumano suggested Mr. Paul Devens, attorney and former managing director for the city and county of Honolulu, as the Charter Commission's new legal consultant.

After extensive discussion, it was moved and seconded that Mr. Devens be the Commission's legal consultant.

A fee of \$60.00 an hour was discussed for Mr. Devens's legal services. After discussion by motion duly made and seconded it was moved and carried that the Commission pay Mr. Devens a fee of \$5,000.00 for his legal services plus traveling expenses.

Mr. Agliam asked if the Commission's budget could afford it.

Mr. Sodetani answered in the affirmative.

Monsignor Kekumano said that the Commission interviewed several applicants for the position of public relations. Monsignor Kekumano said that Mrs. Helen Iuuwai of Maui United Way had the qualifications for such a position.

After discussion, by motion duly made and seconded it was moved and carried that the Commission hire Mrs. Iuuwai to fill the position of public relations.

Public Hearing

Monsignor Kekumano said that the Commission will be needing Mr. Devens's services particularly in November and December when we will be working on the final draft of the proposed Charter.

Mr. Mancini asked that the Commissioners go over the wording of the propositions and make whatever changes is necessary.

Mr. Mancini suggested three steps that should be considered:

1. Setting up the public hearings. (logistics)
2. Careful press release.
3. Thorough presentation of the proposals.

Mr. Souki asked if the Charter had preference to the County ordinance.

Mr. Mancini answered in the affirmative.

Options

After restating the propositions, Monsignor Kekumano commented on the word hybrid and asked that the word be omitted from the proposals.

After discussion, by motion duly made and seconded it was moved and carried that the word hybrid be omitted from the proposals.

Monsignor Kekumano reviewed the propositions stating the options for consideration to be presented to the public as follows:

Form of Government

- a. Strong Mayor form
- b. Council Manager form

Council Composition

- a. Percentage by districts of equal population; remainder at large
- b. Percentage run at-large but be residents of specified districts, remainder run at-large with no residency requirement
- c. Retain the existing system

Term of Office: Council

- a. Four year term
- b. Limitation on terms-Council

Council Office-Vacancy

- a. Unsuccessful candidate with largest vote in last election
- b. Special election/two year vacancy

Powers of the Council

- a. Mandatory fiscal audit
- b. Special Counsel Without recommendation of the County Attorney

County Clerk

- a. Office of Counsel Services (2)

Options

Managing Director

- a. Office of a Managing Director

Office of the Mayor

- a. Age requirement deleted
- b. Succession to office of the Mayor
(This specific line of succession was deferred until a final resolution can be made concerning the managing director and the planning director.)
- c. Four year term/office of the Mayor
- d. Mayor: Limitation on terms/two years

Salary Commission

Cost of Government Commission

- a. County's financial status reviewed periodically

Office of the County Attorney

- a. Separation into Corporation Counsel and Prosecuting Attorney
- b. Elective position--County Prosecutor

Department of Finance

- a. Analysis and restatement of entire Department of Finance provision
 - 1. Employ an independent C.P.A. firm

Department of Public Works

- a. Transfer of the maintenance responsibilities of the Department of Parks and Recreation

Department of Water Supply

- a. Fiscal self-sufficiency
- b. Semi-autonomous but C.I.P. projects dictated by planning or activity consistent with Planning Department
- c. Transfer of sewer system responsibilities from the Department of Public Works to Department of Water Supply

Boards and Commissions

- a. District representation on all Boards and Commissions
- b. Planning Director become a member on the Water Board
- c. Voting power to ex-officio members

Department of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Souki suggested the modification of the Department of Human Resources to a Department of Community Development because its a people oriented program.

After discussion by motion duly made and seconded it was moved and carried that a Department of Community Development be adopted to be presented for deliberation for public hearing.

Department of Planning

Mr. Murakami suggested deferring the discussion of the Planning Department for September 17, 1975 meeting.

Code of Ethics

Monsignor Kekumano appointed Mr. Souki and Mr. Murakami to make a study on the Code of Ethics with Kauai's Code of Ethics.

Monsignor Kekumano also suggested that there be a committee to consolidate the issues and implementation of the propositions and that Mrs. Luuwai will be the person to prepare the first draft.

Mr. Petro suggested that the meetings be changed to 3:30 p.m. starting September 23, 1975. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously carried that the meetings be changed from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next Commission meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 1975 with the Planning Department at the County Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonora Balidoy, Secretary