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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE HELPS GET THINGS DONE

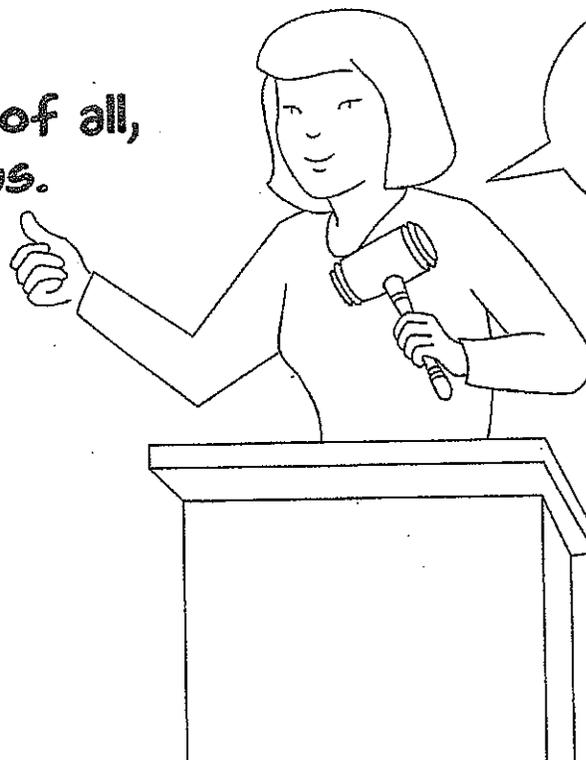
✓ **MAKE MOTIONS**
that are in order.

✓ **OBTAIN THE FLOOR**
properly.

✓ **SPEAK**
clearly and concisely.

✓ **OBEY**
the rules of debate.

And, most of all,
be courteous.



That's
always in
order!

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Revisions to the City Charter

Jennifer McGrath

April 20, 2009

Brief History

- First Charter Election 5/3/37
- Amended five times
- New Charter adopted 2/10/66
- Amended eight times
 - 1990 Charter Section 612
 - 2002 Charter Section 617
- Last Charter Review Commission 1978

4/20/2009
STUDY SESSION #2

Amendment Process

- Ballot measure proposed by City Council
- Initiative by the people
- Charter Review Commission

1. Technical Amendments

- Amend to reflect current elections process (Section 300)
- Amend to reflect current technology (Section 303(b), 304(c), and 310)
- Delete reference to reimbursements (Section 302)
- Delete reference to Assistant City Administrator (Section 402)
- Modify fiscal year (Section 600)

2. Substantive Amendments for consideration

- Measure C
- Public Works Contracting
- Finance

Section 612 – Measure C

- Determine when CEQA is required
- Specify amenities that are not covered
- Increase dollar cap and add CPI

Public Works Contracts and Funding

- Section 614 - Contracts
 - Increase dollar cap
 - Include CPI adjustment
- Section 617 – Infrastructure Fund
 - Comply with current financial policy
 - Clarify calculation methodology
 - Identify appropriate reviewing body

Finance

- Section 602 – Reduce circulation of budget from 60 to 30 days
- Section 605 – Permit capital improvement appropriations to be carried forward

3. Additional Amendments for consideration

- City Manager
- Appointed Department Heads
- Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Term limits
- Salaries/benefits of elected officials
- Department responsibilities
- Nepotism policy
- Qualifications for Office

Recommended Action

- Direct staff to prepare ballot language for the Technical Amendments
- Create council sub-committee to review the Substantive Amendments and determine if a Charter Review Commission should be established

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Helpful Websites

- <http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?displaytype=§ion=allabout&zone=locc&sub%20sec=allabout%20cities>
- www.bixby.org/charter
- <http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/bol/1999/charter.html#anchor39235>
- <http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=locc&previewStory=26279>



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July 15, 2009

Office Of City Clerk
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear City Clerk:

Please consider this letter a formal request to incorporate the prevailing wage language listed below into the proposed City Charter. We specifically request you forward this letter to the Huntington Beach City Councilpersons as well as the Charter City Review Committee for their consideration into the proposed Charter.

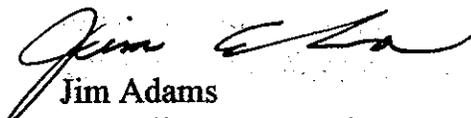
The language is as follows:

Prevailing Wages

The provisions of California Labor Code Section 1770 et. seq. regarding prevailing wages on public works and related regulations, as now existing and as may be amended, are accepted and made applicable to the City, its departments, boards, officers, agents and employees.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any assistance please contact me at Council Offices. You may also reach me by cell #213 479-8283. My email address is jimeadams@sbcglobal.net

Sincerely,


Jim Adams
Council Representative

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