

January 15, 2020 - Charter Revision Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting of the Charter Revision Committee of the West Haven City Council was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Committee Members: Hoskie, Hamilton, Massaro, and Cohen. Absent was Committee Member Gallignano. Council Members Present: Donovan, O'Connor, Johnston, Fanelli, and Quagliani. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, City Clerk Patricia Horvath, Attorney Craig Sullivan, Registrar of Voters Jo Ann Callegari and Registrar of Voters Sherri Lepper were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:05 P.M. Public Participation (No Speakers)

Chairwoman Hamilton called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting: In accordance with Rule #12 of the Rules Governing the actions of the City Council, Charter Revision Committee Chairwoman Hamilton has called a Committee Meeting of the City Council Charter Revision Committee to be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 355 Main Street (3rd Floor).

The purpose of this Committee Meeting is as follows:

- Discussion of ballot questions, potential referendum date(s), and costs associated with the election/education/outreach.

Attorney Craig Sullivan briefed the City Council on the proposed Charter Revision Question: Shall the City of West Haven amend its current Charter as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission in its final report submitted on September 27, 2019, which changes include but are not limited to: (1) changing to a City Council/Town Manager form of government; (2) establishing minimum qualification requirements for management positions; (3) changing the Tax Collector, City Clerk, and Treasurer from elected to appointed positions; (4) changing from biennial to quadrennial elections for all elected officials; (5) reducing the number of local voting districts from 10 to 3; (6) changing budget estimation and submission deadlines; (7) changing from mandatory to permissible appointments of department heads, boards and commissions; and (8) making technical changes, which include but are not limited to, correcting grammar and spelling, clarifying terminology and statutory references, eliminating outdated provisions, re-numbering sections, and making stylistic modifications?

There was extensive discussion on the formulation of the question (See Tape).

After Attorney Sullivan Presented to the Committee, Patricia Horvath, Jo Ann Callegari, and Sherri Lepper had a Q/A with the City Council on the cost of an election, machines, and the process.

No motions were presented by the Committee

Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to adjourn SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.