

Charter Revision Commission Minutes

Special Meeting on May 10th, 2018

7:00PM call to order by Chairman Granfield

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Brunetti present, Victoria Clifford present, Silvana Apicella present, Monique Bolt present, John Carrano present, Iris Diaz present, Edward Granfield present, David Riccio present, Rohan Smith present.

Opening comments from Chairman Granfield, welcoming members to the meeting.

Motion to add previous meeting's minutes.

Passed unanimously.

Motion to accept previous meeting's minutes.

Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Presentation made by Commissioner Carrano: reviewed a summary of charter revision topics, reviewed memos made by Mayor Rossi and Chairman Quagliani, reviewed list of charter mandated positions, and summarized the budget process.

Floor opened for panel discussion.

Riccio: Suggested appropriation or consolidation of fire districts. Expressed concerns with accessibility to incorporation council, also inquiring if any changes have been made in state stature in areas such as residency for positions. Expressed further concerns regarding time allotted for budget change process and if these changes can be overturned by state stature.

Granfield: Expressed point that the state is not always necessarily able to overturn what is made at the local level.

Carrano: Expressed concerns regarding City Council potentially being able to pick and choose changes made in the Charter Revision Commission.

Granfield: Expressed point that items may be able to be bundled and/or categorized together to vote on. Expressed thought that it may be possible to bypass the council and go to the voters, however this can only be done with enough time.

Apicella: Suggested submitting reports in increments or pieces to council for review.

Brunetti: Suggested idea of a council member sitting in and listen and to have motions for a council member, or anyone, to be able to add input at the end of an organizational meeting.

Apicella: Expressed the need for clarification on sections surrounding sidewalks and similar matters, starting on page 23 of the charter.

Carrano: Inquired if the city owns sidewalks and if this is said in the charter. Requested clarification on the steps in process for how the revision commission will tackle topic list.

Granfield: Expressed point that the revision commission must first obtain enough feedback and input from city hall before topic list order can be solidified.

Bolt: Inquired on how sub-committees will be created within the revision commission and how prioritization will be decided.

Granfield: Expressed point that sub-committees will be comprised through consideration of each member's resume, experience, and interest in subject area. Acknowledges political structure and budget process are very important topics.

Riccio: Expressed the need to clarify what is bounded by union and expressed thoughts on condensing departments.

Smith: Inquired if positions can be shared.

Motion to adjourn.

Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM