

Charter Revision Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting on June 15th, 2018

7:00pm – Call to order by Chairman Granfield

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion to accept meeting minutes from May 24th, 2018 meeting. Passed

Question and answer portion of meeting with Assistant Corp. Counsel Craig Sullivan

Riccio- Question regarding the involvement of city council in the charter revision process. Particularly, the powers granted to council and the petition process.

Carrano- Question regarding being in the electorate and running for office in the City of West Haven. Inquiry regarding the changing of audit firm every 3 years. Can there be a residency requirement on certain city positions such as superintendant, fire chief, etc? Can the commission introduce term limits or staggering term limits?

Brunetti- Question about the appointment of constables and the purpose of constables.

Riccio- Can any decisions be made in the charter that supersede state statutes? Can the commission consolidate departments within the city?

Bolt- Can legal counsel view the recommendations of the the commission before final submittal to the city council?

Granfield- Question regarding the combination of city departments. Additionally, are there elected positions that can be changed to appointed positions?

Carrano- Is it possible to disqualify someone to run for office if they are a felon or owe taxes? Is it possible to include recall provisions for individuals in office? Does the commission have the ability to determine the duties of city departments?

Chairman moves for open discussion

Reading of charter chapters one and two.

Motion to change all language in charter referring to the "Town of West Haven" to be changed to "The City of West Haven."

Motion to rescind previous motion to check necessary wording with Corporation Counsel.

Proposal of referendum vote regarding bond issuance over a certain amount. Question to be sent to Corp Counsel.

Discussion regarding the changing of Election Day within West Haven and the potential costs and feasibility of such a change.

Discussion on filling vacancies on the city council.

New business:

-New meeting time proposed by vice-chair Diaz. Changing meeting time to better fit member's schedules.

9:00pm- meeting adjourned.