

Charter Revision Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting on September 27th, 2018

Call to Order: 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Brunetti present, Victoria Clifford present, Rohan Smith present arrived 7:18pm*, Silvana Apicella present, John Carrano present, Iris Diaz absent, Monique Bolt absent, David Riccio absent, Edward Granfield present.

Review of August 23rd, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion to approve from Carrano. Seconded by Clifford. Passed

Discussion on potential revisions to city charter. All commissioners have been given paper copies of edited charter, ICMA pamphlet, and city organizational charts.

Conversation on Council-Manager form of government. Benefits and statistics relevant to a Council-manager style government.

Conversation on bonding. Discussion on the difficulties regarding a referendum vote for bonding. Powers given to the city council to approve bonding in an emergency situation.

Discussion on "Saving Clause" within city charter. Identified as possibly unnecessary but would need review from corporation counsel.

Section on qualifications of elected officials. Introduction of new qualifications. Protection for 3rd party candidates.

Discussion on election of City Council. Restructure of election. Restructure of districts, proposed 3.

Commissioner Smith arrives at 7:18pm

Conversation on vacancies. Issues with the charter and ethics committee. Process of choosing a new replacement. Issue with unaffiliated vacancy. Timetable for proposed replacement. Discussion on responsibilities of town committees and nomination process.

Discussion on the duty and purpose of constables. What are their current duties? Do we have any? Are they still necessary? Further research required.

Discourse on the recall process for elected officials. What is the process and definition of cause? Proposed that 75% of those who voted are required to recall.

Conversation on the disqualification to serve for elected or appointed officials. Who determines disqualification? Who determines for other boards and commissions?

Discussion on the duties of the Mayor. New duties, new term limit, and changes of power.

Discussion of charter edits ends.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

Adjourned at 8:27pm