



City of Bristol
Bristol, Connecticut

Minutes of the Charter Revision Commission's regular meeting of March 3, 2021

1. Call to order.

Chair Jon FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and read the call of the meeting.

2. Introduction of commissioners.

The commissioners introduced themselves. Present were: Jon FitzGerald, Laurie Scotti (virtually), Roman Czuchta, John Krampitz, Richard Carter and Kimberly Ploszaj.

Absent: John Lafreniere.

3. Discuss and approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2021 and take any action as necessary.

On motion by Commissioner Ploszaj and seconded by Commissioner Krampitz it was unanimously voted: to approve the minutes.

4. Public participation regarding revisions to the charter.

Alex Carros spoke on the proposals for four-year terms for mayor and registrars of voters. Although comments have been made in the past regarding the political parties being in favor of these proposals, he does not recall the Republican Town Committee having discussed them or taken a position.

Kevin McCauley (virtually), Registrar of Voters, spoke. He stated that for the reasons previously provided by himself and Registrar Sharon Krawiecki they support four-year terms for the Registrars of Voters.

5. Discussion of recommending revisions to charter sections 2, 9, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 40, 45 and 50 to change the term of mayor from a two-year term to a four-year term and take any action as necessary.

On motion by Commissioner Ploszaj and seconded by Commissioner Czuchta, it was unanimously voted to: reletter proposed subsection 2(d) as 2(e), include the changes to sections 2, 9, 12, 12A, 40 and 45 in our draft report, recommend them to the city council and refer them to the public hearing on March 16, 2021.

It was noted that charter sections 13, 14, 50 and 52 may be impacted by a change to a four-year term but would not need to be revised.

6. **Discussion of recommending revisions to charter section 8 to change the term of the registrars of voters from a two-year term to a four-year term and take any action as necessary.**

It was moved by Commissioner Ploszaj and seconded by Commissioner Krampitz to: include the changes to section 8 in our draft report, recommend them to the city council and refer them to the public hearing on March 16, 2021.

Voting in favor: Commissioners Scotti, Krampitz, Ploszaj, Czuchta and Carter.

Abstaining: Commissioner FitzGerald

Motion carries.

7. **Discussion of recommending revisions to charter section 12 and section 18 to make the office of treasurer appointed rather than elected and take any action as necessary.**

On motion by Commissioner Krampitz and seconded by Commissioner Ploszaj, it was unanimously voted to: include the changes to sections 12 and 18 in our draft report, recommend them to the city council and refer them to the public hearing on March 16, 2021.

8. **Discussion of recommending renumbering and reorganizing the sections of the charter and take any action as necessary.**

On motion by Commissioner Ploszaj and seconded by Commissioner Carter it was unanimously voted to: include the renumbering and reorganizing the sections of the charter in our draft report, recommend them to the city council and refer them to the public hearing on March 16, 2021.

9. **Discuss comments and potential topics for charter revision raised during public participation and take any action as necessary.**

None.

10. **Discuss the charter and proposed charter revisions raised by the commissioners of the charter revision commission and take any action as necessary.**

None.

11. **Discuss meeting dates and agendas and take any action as necessary.**

The public hearing, to be followed by a regular meeting, will be on March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the 3rd floor conference room.

Atty. Clift reported that pursuant to the Governor's executive orders the legal notice for the public hearing had already been posted on the city's website.

12. **Old Business.**

Atty. Clift provided an update on the commissioners' earlier suggestion that a consultant be hired for the next charter revision commission.

13. **New Business.**

None.

14. **Adjourn.**

At 7:35 PM, on motion by Commissioner Ploszaj and seconded by Commissioner Czuchta it was unanimously voted: to adjourn.

Submitted by:

Jon P. FitzGerald, chair