

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 23, 2020

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5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Singer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT Chairperson David Singer, Vice Chairperson & Councilor Otis Wheeler, Councilor Shelia Gilmour, Councilor Christine Forgey, Erin Donnally Drake and Allen Woods.

ABSENT John Lunt.

ALSO PRESENT Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, Intern from the Mayor's Office Christian LaPlante and Councilor Penny Ricketts.

CHAIR STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the Charter Review Committee. If any other persons present were doing the same they must notify the chairperson at this time.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Forgey,
MOVED: TO APPROVE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES DATED MAY 28, 2020.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Gilmour, it was unanimously,
VOTED: TO CORRECT THE FIRST NAME OF THE INTERN FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FROM "CHRISTINE" TO "CHRISTIAN" LAPLANTE.

Motion to approve the minutes dated May 28, 2020, with the approved amendment was now on the floor.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES DATED MAY 28, 2020, AS AMENDED.

Chairperson Singer opened discussion on the City Charter Articles I, II, III and IV. Comments included:

- Update the definitions section to list words that would require more or less clarification as to their meaning in the Charter.
- Suggestion was made to add the Mayor to the list of officials in the Legislative section of the Charter who could call emergency Council meetings.
- A clearer definition as to whether the Mayor or the City Council had supervisory jurisdiction over the City Clerk.
- Clarified use of the words "appointed" and "elected" throughout the Charter.
- Submit one list of questions to the City Solicitor for legal opinions.
- Change the date of when the Mayor was sworn into office to a non-holiday.
- The Mayor's compensation had recently been removed via a City Council vote on the related Ordinance.
- Clarification as to whether the Mayor could be considered an ex-officio member of the City Council.
- Budget deadlines.
- More detailed procedure the Council would need to follow if the City Council President became the Mayor in the last nine months of the term as described in Section 3-9 (b) of the Charter.
- Detailed list in regards to the powers and duties of the Mayor as a member of the School Committee.

- Timeline for filling a vacancy on the School Committee.

Chairperson Singer noted that the remainder of the Charter would be reviewed and discussed at the July meeting.

NEXT MEETING: July 28, 2020, at 5:30 pm, at the City Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, or via Webex, if required.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Gilmour, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:31 P.M.