



CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

MEETING

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The meeting for the Charter Revision Commission was called to order by Paul DiMauro at 7:04 P.M. in the Auditorium at Shelton City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending: Paul DiMauro
Irene Smith
Joe Konner
Charles Carroll
Bob Lally
Sue Coyle
Steve Bellis

Absent: Michael Davis
Gary Cahill
Ann Dougherty

On a motion made by Sue Coyle to approve the minutes of May 24, 2005, second by Bob Lally, it was unanimously passed.

The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the Charter. Steve Bellis represented the State Statutes regarding minority representation (attached). The Commission was in favor on changing the sections of the charter regarding minority representation in reference to State Statute.

Changes to the Charter:

- **Section 2.4 Elected Municipal Officials and Voting –**

(f) – increase number of Planning and Zoning Commission from six (6) to seven (7)

- **Section 5.1.2.1. Board – per State Statute increasing number of members from five (5) to six (6), and including language as per State Statute after members in first sentence.**

Consensus was not needed because it was provided by State Statute

- **Section 5.1.2.2. Chairman – Consensus taken to remove sentence “No person shall serve as Chairman of the Board for more than four (4) consecutive terms of one (1) year each.” Also to add language “as elected by the majority of the Board of Education members” after the Chairman in the second sentence.**
- **Section 5.1.4. Planning and Zoning Commission (a) – increase number of members from four (4) to five (5) as per State Statute.**

Consensus was taken to close the open item as per State Statute.

- **Section 6.9.3.6. Fire Chief – remains open item, Chairman DiMauro to receive response from Board of Fire Commissioners regarding position.**
- **Section 9.12 Effective Date – change the date from November 1994 to November 8, 2005 and effective date from December 1, 1994 to December 1, 2005**

Chairman DiMauro passed to the Commission a copy of Statute 9-418 (attached). Mr. Steiner asked to speak. Mr. DiMauro allowed it. He would like to have this Statute included in the Charter for the public to be able to view it. The Charter Revision Commission agreed that this was a good tool for the public but did not agree to have this included in the City Charter. Mr. Steiner was given a copy for his own reference.

Open Items:

There are still some open items in the proposed Charter which will be addressed at the next meeting. They are as follows:

- **Section 2.4.1. Officials – discussion needed regarding term limitations and numbers**
- **Section 3.2. Powers and Duties – need verification from Director of Finance to impose a logical time limit**
- **Section 4.6. Investigation – awaiting response from Corporation Counsel**
- **Section 4.7.2. Referral to Committee – Corporation Counsel to revise language**
- **4.7.3. Hearing – awaiting response from Corporation Counsel**
- **Section 5.2.1. Parks and Recreation Commission – open regarding “gift”**
- **Section 5.2.5. Inland Wetland Commission - language to be inserted as P&Z**
- **5.4. Board of Ethics – need language and increase numbers of members**
- **Section 5.5. General Provisions (k) – open item serving un-appointed, need language written regarding re-appointments**
- **Section 6.9.3.6. Fire Chief – Chairman DiMauro to seek answer from the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding position**

The next meeting scheduled for the Charter Revision Commission is on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 21, 2005. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2005 for a vote on the draft copy the proposed changes. It will then be handed to

the City/Town Clerk's office on Friday, July 8, 2005 to be submitted to the Board of Aldermen for their review and approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Konner motioned to adjourn. Sue Coyle second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul DiMauro adjourned the meeting of the Charter Revision Commission at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia V. Belade

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Clerk-Charter Revision Commission

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