



CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

MEETING
Tuesday, July 12, 2005

The meeting for the Charter Revision Commission was called to order by Paul DiMauro at 7:06 P.M. in Room 104 at Shelton City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Michael Davis

Bob Lally made a motion to accept the minutes from June 21, 2005 with corrections to be made. The corrections are that (a) the date on the header be corrected, and (b) page 6, Mr. Osac was misspelled. Gary Cahill second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman DiMauro read into the minutes a letter submitted by the Board of Ethics:

“ Dear Mr. DiMauro:

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Ethics held last night, the proposed revision to Charter Section 5.4. Board of Ethics was discussed.

The Board of Ethics strongly recommends that the membership remain at three members, none of which shall be from the same party. If you are adamant about changing the membership to five members, then the Board insists that it be with no more than two from the same party.

Also, the Board of Ethics questions the intention of the last sentence. Some questions that come to mind are why would the Board want to refer to a third party? Who makes the decision to refer, the Board of Ethics or the Board of Aldermen? When would the decision to refer happen, before the investigation, during the investigation, after a decision is made? Does any other board or commission in the City have this option? The Board of Ethics noted that the third party option could be incorporated into the Ethics Ordinance rather than in the Charter.

The Board of Ethics is willing to discuss their position on the proposed Charter change in more depth. Please let me know if you would like to meet with them.

Sincerely yours,

***Cyndee Burke, Clerk
Board of Ethics”***

There was no other correspondence sent to the Charter Revision Commission.

Ann Dougherty has moved from Shelton, she is no longer on the Charter Revision Commission.

There were three areas of the Charter that were open. The Charter Revision Commission agreed to having an Inland Wetlands Commission be an elected office rather than appointed. In having this Commission elected, it will change the Charter and the Sections. Inland Wetlands will now be found under (a) Section 2.4.1. Officials (h); (b) Section 5.1.5. Inland Wetlands Commission, and deleted from Section 5.2.5.

The second open item was the Planning and Zoning Commission having at-large members. The consensus of the Charter Revision Commission was to leave that within the Board of Aldermen but it was the consensus of the

Commission to keep the proposed change of increasing the number of members.

The third change was the Board of Ethics. The consensus of the Commission was to have Section 5.4 Board of Ethics read as follows:

The City shall have a Code of Ethics promulgated by the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Ethics will consist of five members with no more than two (2) from the same party and will be appointed by the Board of Aldermen for a term of three years.

Gary Cahill had requested that there be a change made to Section 5.5. General Provisions (c). With the agreement of the Commission, (c) will now read: Members shall hold no more than (1) elected and (1) appointed office within the City.

There will be a Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00 pm for a vote by the Charter Revision Commission on the Proposed Charter for the City of Shelton. Once the vote has passed, a copy of the Charter in Strikethrough and a Clean Copy will be forward to the Town Clerk. She will then present it to the Board of Aldermen.

ADJOURNMENT

Charles Carroll motioned to adjourn. Gary Cahill second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul DiMauro adjourned the meeting of the Charter Revision Commission at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia V. Belade
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Clerk-Charter Revision Commission

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*** ATTACHED ARE THE STRIKETHROUGH COPY AND THE CLEAN COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF SHELTON.**