



CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

WORKSHOP MINUTES

August 7, 2012

Auditorium

7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Jack Bashar
 Steve Bellis
 Ruth Ann Dunford
 Patrick Lopera
 Judy Miko
 Ken Nappi
 Bronislaw Winnick

Commissioners Absent: Frank Coyle
 Anthony Metz

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nappi called the Workshop of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lopera motioned to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting and July 10, 2012 Workshop of the Charter Revision Commission. Commissioner Miko seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication received

* There was an error on the Agenda so there was someone from the public that wished to address the Commission.

Chairman Nappi stated that there will be a five minute limit and there will be no discussion just the presentation.

Judson Crawford
8 Jordan Avenue
Shelton, CT

Good evening, back on June 30th, the Board of Aldermen had received from the Finance Department a motion to increase certain line items and decrease certain line items. Also at the same time there was another inter-departmental transfers, after doing an audit of the reports the income was fine, my recommendation that I would like to make to this board is after showing right now there are 22 accounts still overdrawn. When our auditors come out with the financial reports for the year end it will be showing that certain line items are still overdrawn. I would like to make the recommendation to this board that you put in the new Charter that we could increase that instead of 12 months, increase it to 13 months because there are a lot of bills that are still coming in and were brought in as of 6-26. This way here when it will take the year end report it's going to be kind of funny because you're going to say why they would make these year end transfers yet we have all these accounts that are still overdrawn. The only way you could do it is by you people increasing the fiscal year by 1 month so that would take care of bringing in all these bills that are out there right now, paying them and then we'll show a true year end figure.

Question from the Commission asking Mr. Crawford if he is stating that they should increase the fiscal year of the City. Mr. Crawford stated yes. Commissioner Lapera stated that by accounting purposes you are not allowed to do that. They will accrue it at the end of the year, whatever they think is outstanding but by accounting practices you can't have a 13 month fiscal year.

Mr. Crawford continued, I'm only making a recommendation to you people. The person that will have to give us a yes or a no answer is our auditing firm. If they feel that this is in our best interest of the City they might put this, make that recommendation, but it first has to come from you people here that are writing up the new Charter. As I said it is something that, as soon as I came out with all these accounts that are

overdrawn still, I said I wanted to come and make this recommendation. As of 8-2, the preliminary audit report is issued by the Finance Department. But as I said it is a thought that I would like to present to you people, if you feel it's not in the best interest of the City of Shelton then of course you know what you can do with it. I thank you very much for your time and listening to me.

DISCUSSIONS FOR SCHEDULING SPECIAL WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Thursday, August 9, 2012 Special Workshop at 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 Special Workshop at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 Public Hearing at 7:00 PM with Special Workshop immediately following for possible vote on Charter
Monday, August 27, 2012 Special Workshop at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 28, 2012 Public Hearing for final draft at 8:00 PM

DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 1994 CHARTER

Chapter 1-Chapter 5, 5.3.5 were discussed with proposed changes. They are attached.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lapera motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Winnick seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Nappi adjourned the Workshop of the Charter Revision Commission at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia V. Belade

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Charter Revision Clerk