



CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

The Special Meeting of the Charter Revision Commission was called to order by Paul DiMauro at 7:05 P.M. in Room 104 at Shelton City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending: Paul DiMauro
Irene Smith
Bob Lally
Steve Bellis
Gary Cahill
Sue Coyle
Michael Davis

Absent: Charles Carroll
Joe Konner

The four (4) items for discussion this evening before a consensus could be taken were as follows:

- (1) Section 4.7. Ordinances: New language was included to clarify time to set public hearing date when referred to a committee. It will read as follows:

Within thirty (3) days after the referral to the Board, the Board shall hold without requirement of a vote at least one (1) public hearing on the proposed Ordinance and notice of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the City at least five (5) days prior to said hearing. In the event that an ordinance is referred to a committee, the

public hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled public hearing date following completion of the committee's work.

On a motion made by Bob Lally and second by Gary Cahill, it was unanimously passed to include the last sentence for clarification purposes.

- (2) Section 2.4. Elected Municipal Officials and Voting: Copy at the joint meeting of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen reversed the language to be deleted. It will read as follows:

(d) A Board of Education consisting of nine (9) members elected for a term of two (2) years.

- (3) 5.1.2. Board of Education:

5.1.2.1. Board: Decision to be made regarding if change is recommended or keep existing language.

On a motion by Bob Lally and second by Michael Davis, it was passed 8-1 in favor of retaining the original language. Steve Bellis opposed. It will read as follows:

5.1.2.1. Board: The City shall have a Board of Education, elected as provided by Section 2.4.1. (d) of this Charter, no more than five (5) members of which shall be from the same political party. The members shall hold no other elected or appointed office within the City. The Board shall operate a school system in the City and shall appoint and may remove such personnel as may be necessary or convenient to the operation of the system. The Board shall have the power to receive, manage, and expend any gifts for school programs.

- (4) Section 6.13. General Provisions:

(d) All City employees who report to a Board and/or Commission will have administrative reporting responsibility to the Administrative Assistant on a

day-to-day basis.

Recommendation not to include the above as the following current language covers the issue and also clarifies that such supervision cannot infringe on the authority of any Board or Commission:

Section 6.1. Administrative Assistant.

6.1.2. Powers and Duties: The Administrative Assistant or a designee of the Administrative Assistant, shall be responsible for the day-to-day administrative supervision in personnel matters of all full-time and part-time employees of all Board and Commission. Such supervision shall not be deemed to infringe upon the authority of such Board and Commission granted by this Charter.

On a motion made by Gary Cahill, second by Sue Coyle, it was unanimously passed to remove the above (d).

It was also discussed that the website will have only the latest version of the Charter in strikethrough and clean copy as well as a Summary of the changes of the proposed Charter. Once the CRC and Corporation Counsel have finalized they will be available on the web and also in the Town Clerk's Office.

There was a consensus taken and passed unanimously to present the 2005 Proposed Charter to the Board of Aldermen once the changes were made for their approval. The proposed Charter will be handed to the Town Clerk by Friday, September 2, 2005 so she can present it to the Board of Aldermen.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Cahill motioned to adjourn. Steve Bellis second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul DiMauro adjourned the meeting of the Charter Revision Commission at 8:15 pm.

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

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