



*CITY OF SHELTON
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2020
Auditorium at City Hall*

Commissioners Present: Dan Debicella
Gary DeFilippo
Ruth Ann Dunford
Ruth Parkins
David Presutto
Darlissa Ritter
Donald Sheehy

- CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Debicella called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

- GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Debicella stated that we've gone through our first Public Hearing and tonight he wanted to discuss the process rather than any other individual topic on how the Commission decides how to tackle the Charter Revision process.

His proposal is to go through it and edit. The goal is to improve the functioning of Shelton city government through changes to the charter, targeting approval by the voter in November 2020.

The Commission plans on casting a wide net to look for ideas from the public, elected and appointed official and from information to be gathered from other surrounding town Charters. Ensuring that changes made to the charter will not have impacts on other elements of government or the public. What the commission writes will matter.

The Charter Revision Commission is looking to do what's best for the City of Shelton and wants to operate in a non-partisan fashion when considering ideas.

The proposed approach will be to gather ideas and having the clerk to maintain a running list of ideas. A letter will be sent to all elected and appointed officials seeking their ideas. An email address has been set up at sheltoncharter2020@gmail.com so that anyone can email ideas to be considered.

Another source of information will be gathering other charters from surrounding towns to verify how their government works and if information is valuable to our government.

The next stage would be to evaluate all the ideas gathered and have workshops to discuss the understanding of the pros and cons of the ideas under consideration.

The final phase will be to finalize the Charter Revision. A second Public Hearing will be held on the proposed Charter and if any/or revisions are necessary. Once finalized it will be presented to the Board of Aldermen who in turn will hold their own Public Hearing and vote on it before it gets sent to the Secretary of State for approval on the November 2020 ballot. The voters will have the final say.

The next meeting that Chairman DeBicella would like to call is for a Workshop on February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Room 104 at City Hall.

Vice Chairman DeFilippo motioned to adjourn. Commission Ritter seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman DeBicella adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia V Belade

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Charter Revision Clerk