

City of Waterville Charter Commission Meeting

April 28, 2020 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

Meeting called to order by co-chair Nale at 6:00pm

Motion to approve 4/14/20 minutes - **Motion as amended passed: 10-0**

Motion to approve Charter Amendments – First Vote 4/14/20 **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion by Burdick/Finch: add requirements to the City Manager qualifications (Article 3 Section 1) that the City Council is the sole determiner of qualifications and that the City Manager have a minimum of 5 years experience and/or relevant educational background.

Motion failed: 4-6 (Bofia, Koch, LaLiberty, Merrill, Payne, Weeks)

Motion by Finch/Payne: CM may not be the permanent head of any department, but does allow the CM to be the acting director of a department in the event of a vacancy. (A3S3)

Motion passes: 10-0

Motion by Bofia/Payne: City Council reserve the right to interact with any city employee or department heads as needed. (A3S3.A)

Motion failed: 1-9 (Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, LaLiberty, Merrill, Nale, Payne, Weeks)

Motion by Burdick/Finch: put language in the Charter (Art 3 Sec 1) to bond the City Manager.

Motion passes: 10-0

Motion by Koch/Payne: send the discussion on qualifications for CM to Subcommittee A to ask the mayor/CM/councilors their thoughts on the language.

Motion passes: 9-1 (Finch)

Motion by Weeks/Payne: have a CM be immediately terminated if the CM violates the provisions of the section art 3 section 5 (limitation of political activity on CM)

Motion failed: 2-8 (Bofia, Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, LaLiberty, Merrill, Nale)

Motion by Payne/Nale: prohibit the City Manager from taking a job inside a City Department within 2 years of leaving the position.

The motion passed but did not meet the threshold to make it to Charter: 6-4 (Brown, Burdick, Finch, LaLiberty)

Motion by Merrill/Weeks: require that Councilors be residents of their ward for 1 year prior to election.

Motion failed: 2-8 (Bofia, Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, LaLiberty, Nale, Payne)

Motion by Bofia/Payne: 1 year residency inside Waterville, 3 months inside the ward (A4S2)

Motion failed: 5-5 (Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, LaLiberty)

Motion by Finch/Burdick: change the conditions in Article 4 Section 4 under which a councilor's seat may be determined to be vacant from 'three consecutive occasions' to 'three consecutive regular meetings'

Motion passes: 9-1 (Bofia)

Motion by Finch/Payne: amend Art 4 Section 4 to eliminate council appointment of vacancy and have election called within 120 days of the vacancy.

Motion withdrawn

Motion by Payne/Weeks: preclude any councilor from taking a position for the City within two years of their term as councilor.

Motion failed: 4-6 (Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, LaLiberty, Nale, Merrill)

Meeting adjourned 8:04

Next meeting: May 12th, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom