

City of Waterville Charter Commission Meeting

May 12, 2020 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

In Attendance: Commissioners Bofia, Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, Laliberty, Merrill, Nale, Payne, Weeks; City Clerk Patti Dubois

Meeting called to order by co-chair Laliberty at 6:02

Motion to approve 4/28/20 minutes - **Held until May 20th, with corrections**

Motion to approve Charter Amendments – First Vote 4/28/20 **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Subcommittee Report/Mike Roy comments - **Held until May 20th**

Motion by Rien Finch: Upon Councilor vacancy, special election held between 100 and 180 days of vacancy, may not be held 60 days prior/after general election; any vacancy less than 100 days from a June election OR after the June election in the last year of the term of office may be filled by council (Section 4) - **Held until May 20th**

Motion by Nale/Payne: Voters vote on budget if more than 3% increase from prior year (Article 4 Section 7B)

Motion Failed: 5-5 (Laliberty, Koch, Finch, Burdick, Brown)

Motion by Finch/Brown: Clarify that council vacancy created by successful recall election does not need a 2/3 vote and takes effect immediately; clarify that school board vacancy created by successful recall election does not need a 2/3 vote and takes effect immediately (Article 4 Section 4; Article 8, Section 4)

Motion Passes, but does not meet threshold to make Charter: 6-4 (Weeks, Payne, Merrill, Bofia)

Motion by Finch/Brown: Special meetings can be called by petition of 2/3 councilors, excluding vacancies (Article 4 Section 6)

Motion Passes, but does not meet threshold to make Charter: 6-4 (Weeks, Payne, Nale, Merrill)

Motion by Finch/Nale: Require that the council can only override the recommendation of a quasi-judicial board/committee by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting (Section 6) **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion by Finch/Brown: Change majority to 2/3 of members present and voting for appointment of City Manager and City Solicitor (Article 4 Section 7D) **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion by Rien Finch: Change “a vote of not less than 5” to 2/3 of members, excluding vacancies, for veto overrides (Section 9) **Motion Withdrawn**

Motion by Finch/Laliberty: List items not subject to mayoral veto (Section 9) **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion by Finch/Brown: Clarify that orders and resolutions take effect upon vote by council, but that ordinances follow process in Section 11 (Section 9) **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion by Finch/Brown: Clarify that available electronically means available on the City-controlled website (Section 10) **Motion Passed: 10-0**

Motion by Phil Bofia: Require a 2/3 vote to pass the budget, excluding vacancies. **Motion Passed: 8-2 (Laliberty, Finch)**

Meeting adjourned 8:02

Next meeting: May 20th, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom