

City of Waterville Charter Commission Meeting

May 12, 2020 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

Agenda

1. Approval of 4/28/20 minutes
2. Approval of Charter Amendments – First Vote 4/28/20
3. Consideration of Motions for Charter Revisions

a. Article 3 - City Manager

- i. Subcommittee Report/Mike Roy comments

b. Article 4 – City Council (Sections 1-12)

- i. 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)
- ii. Motion by Tom Nale: Voters vote on budget if more than 3% increase from prior year (Section 7B)
- iii. Conditional Motion by Rien Finch: Any budget sent to voters must have 30% turnout to override Council’s budget (Section 7B)
- iv. Conditional Motion by Rien Finch: The city will sunset sending the budget to voters if turnout does not meet or exceed 30% in 3 consecutive years (Section 7B)
- v. Motion by Rien Finch: 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)
- vi. Motion by Rien Finch: Special meetings can be called by petition of 2/3 councilors, excluding vacancies (Section 6)
- vii. Motion by Rien Finch: 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)
- viii. Motion by Rien Finch: Change majority to 2/3 of members present and voting for appointment of City Manager and City Solicitor (Section 7D)

- ix. Motion by Rien Finch: Change “a vote of not less than 5” to 2/3 of members, excluding vacancies, for veto overrides (Section 9)
- x. Motion by Rien Finch: List items subject to mayoral veto (Section 9)
- xi. Motion by Rien Finch: Clarify that orders and resolutions take effect upon vote by council, but that ordinances follow process in Section 11 (Section 9)
- xii. Motion by Rien Finch: Clarify that available electronically means available on the City-controlled website (Section 10)

c. Article 5 – Administrative Organization

- i. Motion by Rien Finch: Change “appropriate City employee” to “acting “ (Section 2)
- ii. Motion by Rien Finch: Change to say relevant state statute (Section 4)
- iii. Motion by Rien Finch: Split the removal of the City Solicitor into its own part F (Section 5E)
- iv. Motion by Rien Finch: Clarify that appointive members shall not hold public office, salary of which payable by City/Board of Education (Section 7)
- v. Motion by Rien Finch: Add that no immediate family members of mayor, councilors, or board members may be appointed (Section 7)

d. Article 6 – Code of Ethics

- i. Motion by Rien Finch: Rename sections and strip the repealed sections and section 7

- 4. Schedule of remaining meetings
- 5. Adjournment