

City of Waterville Charter Commission Meeting

June 3, 2020 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: Commissioners Bofia, Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, Merrill, Nale, Payne, Weeks; City Clerk's Office Patti Dubois, Sarah Cross; Finance Director Aaron Berls; City Manager Mike Roy

Absent: Commissioner LaLiberty

After technical difficulties, meeting called to order at 6:26pm

Motion to approve 5/26/20 minutes as amended **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motions to approve individual Charter Amendments - First Vote 5/26/20
Motions Passed: 9-0

Motion by Payne/Weeks to table any Finance (Article 7) motions until the matter has been researched by subcommittee C. **Motion Failed 3-6 (Bofia, Brown, Burdick, Finch, Koch, Nale)**

Motion by Finch/Brown to add to Article 7 Section 2D that the City Finance director send councilors a monthly budget-to-actual for City departments in lieu of the current Finance Committee document requirements **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motion by Koch/Weeks to amend the term limits for Finance Committee to 2 years and stipulate that a councilor/board member may serve on the Finance Committee for no more than one consecutive term. **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motion by Bofia/Payne to eliminate Party caucuses. **Motion Withdrawn**

Motion by Bofia/Finch to eliminate Party caucuses and move to June Primary system, with a deadline of no less than 60 days before the June election to declare/qualify for candidacy **Motion Passed: 6-3 but does not meet the threshold of 7 votes for Charter revision (Merrill, Payne, Weeks)**

Motion by Finch/Payne to require that recall papers for a Ward seat can only be sworn out by voters of that Ward **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motion by Finch/Payne to require that the City Comprehensive plan be reviewed/revised every 7 years **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motion by Finch/Koch to set charter review 7 years after enactment, not every 7 years **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motion by Koch/Finch to further require City Comprehensive plan be reviewed/revised 7 years after enactment **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Motion by Finch/Payne to send all current Charter amendments to City Solicitor. **Motion Passed: 8-0 (Bofia abstain)**

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

The next meeting will be June 16th at 6pm via Zoom