

City of Waterville Charter Commission Meeting

June 30, 2020 6:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

Agenda

1. Approval of 6/23/20 minutes
2. Consideration of Motions for Charter Revisions
 - a. **Bill's suggested revisions**
 - i. Rescind Amendment #RN-61 ($\frac{2}{3}$ to override planning board)
 - ii. Amend Amendment #RN-29 to read as “Minutes of meetings of the Planning Board, Board of Assessment Review and Zoning Board shall be kept and filed with the City Clerk. The City Council may also require other boards and commissions to keep and file minutes with the City Clerk.”
 - iii. Amend Amendment #RN-154 to read “Department’s” instead of Departments.
 - iv. Amend Amendment #RN-40 to add the word “City Council”
 - v. Amend council appointment of vacancies. (language will be sent separately)
 - vi. Further lowering the requirement for caucuses and signature collection for special elections (language will be sent separately)
 - vii. Amend Amendment #RN-100 to read: “The City Council shall adopt an ordinance authorizing the declaration of a civil emergency. The ordinance, and any amendments thereto, shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of City Council members present and voting”
 - b. Motion to send to the City Council a recommendation to amend the Zoning Board Ordinance Article 7 Section 7.1.2 to allow for amendments to go before the Planning Board without waiting to be sent by Council.
3. Discussion with Bee Lee
 - a. How the Vote to Send to Council works
 - i. What happens if we cannot get consensus (at least 8 commissioners in favor) on a final Charter package to send to Council?
 - b. Final Report Document to Council - what should/not be included
 - c. Potential of a Minority Report and the impact of a Minority Report

- d. Process for reconsideration of non-unanimous votes
 - i. Reconsider the amendments with a straight up or down vote (essentially re-vote)
 - ii. Leave language and use amendments
- e. Other discussion with Bill Lee
- 4. Motion to Reconsider Non-Unanimous Amendments (dissenters listed)
 - a. Change Residency Requirements for Mayor (Brown, Finch, Laliberty)
 - b. Set minimum age for candidates for Mayor/Council/School Board (Weeks)
 - c. clarify that mayor recall does not need a 2/3 vote and takes effect immediately (Weeks)
 - d. term limits for councilors (Brown, Finch, LaLiberty)
 - e. clarify that absence is for 3 consecutive council meetings (Bofia)
 - f. remove the Council appointing vacancies, switch back to plebiscite (Merrill)
 - g. budget takes 2/3 vote of members present and voting (Finch, LaLiberty)
 - h. require Waterville district trustees to be elected at caucus, require 25 but no more than 50, with at least 1 signature from each ward (Merrill, Payne)
- 5. Final Vote Out to Council
 - a. If 8 or more Commissioners in favor
 - i. preparation of final document
 - b. If 8 or fewer Commissioners in favor
 - i. What is preventing dissenters from voting yes?
 - 1. consideration of issues
 - 2. revote if needed
- 6. Next meeting July 7th at 6pm
- 7. Adjournment