

City of Derby

Charter Revision Commission

Joseph DiMartino
Beverly Moran

Arthur Gerckens
Adam Pacheco
James Stadt

Robert Hughes
Sheila Parizo

Charter Revision Commission-Special Meeting
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall
1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT
June 22, 2016

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Parizo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Parizo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Beverly Moran, Joseph DiMartino, Arthur Gerckens, James Stadt, Robert Hughes, Adam Pacheco and Sheila Parizo were present.

4. Public Portion

No one from the public spoke.

5. Discuss other items for consideration by Commission

Mr. Gerckens spoke about trying to get the Charter into Word. He was able to complete that task and showed the Commission a draft of the document. He is working on several changes that they discussed making and should have a hard copy to everyone at the next meeting.

Mr. Gerckens stated that based on his notes a member of the public was concerned that he tweeted that no one from the public attended. The only members in attendance were Aldermen. Other sections that were questioned were the waivers of elected officials and that there are no qualifications needed for the Treasurer. Corporation Counsel is not in attendance, but Mr. Gerckens believed if you are an elected official, you don't have to have qualifications.

Mr. Garofalo spoke about the fire commissioner issue. At one time, it was requested that there be 3 fire commissioners. The company that the city was using to track the Charter changes printed the change, however, that change never made it to referendum, therefore, the correct Charter states one fire commissioner.

Mr. Gerckens asked about deleting Section 33. Mr. Garofalo stated that they are currently providing those appropriations to two specific charitable organizations per the Charter. The Commission spoke about whether or not they want to consider keeping that item. The commission will put that issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Notice and publication issues also not been addressed.

The Commission discussed Section 9. This section is contrary to state statute. Suggested change is to state that all nominations should be made in accordance with state statute. They will contact Attorney Welch for specific wording.

Mr. Gerckens spoke about Section 23 and issues with veto powers.

Mr. DiMartino said he'd like to discuss the waiver issue at the next meeting.

Ms. Parizo stated that at the next meeting they will discuss Sections 33, 23, (and other regarding publications and notices), and 14.

6. Direct Corporation Counsel to prepare initial draft language of items for proposed revision to Charter

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM by Mr. Gerckens, seconded by Ms. Moran and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.