



City of Bristol
Charter Revision Commission
Public Hearing, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 6:30 P.M.
Bristol City Hall, 2nd Floor Staff Lounge
Minutes

Attendees: Chair Jon FitzGerald, Commissioners Harold Kilby, John Krampitz, Jonathan Mace, Isaiah Miller, and Laurie Scotti

Absent: Michele Roalf

Staff: Attorney Wyland Dale Clift
Attorney Jeffrey Steeg
Attorney Richard Lacey

1. Chair Jon FitzGerald called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
2. The Commissioners introduced themselves.
3. Receive public comments on the proposed draft report:
 - a. Technical and/or non-substantive revisions to sections 2, 12A, 16, 19, 38, 39A and 42.
 - b. Section 44A, building department – Eliminate from the job description of the building official the duties of serving as clerk of the zoning commission, clerk of the zoning board of appeals and zoning enforcement officer.
 - c. Sections 12 and 18, city treasurer – Change the city treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, provide an appointment process and technical change replacing the term "personnel director" with "director of human resources".
 - d. Section 45, police department and board of police commissioners – Clarification of the role of the board of police commissioners as a policy and advisory board.
 - e. Section 46A, police department merit system – Removal of the board of police commissioners from the promotional process, removal of the factors and weights hiring criteria, replacing "the rank of captain" with "non-bargaining positions", technical changes replacing "director of personnel" with "director of human resources" and "chief" with "chief of police."
 - f. Section 46B, chief of police – Reduction in the role of the board of police commissioners in the hiring process for the chief of police; removal of residency, experience and education requirements, and removal of job duties for the position of chief of police.
 - g. Section 48A, Sewer Department – Replace the existing 48A in its entirety; designation of the Bristol Water Department as also serving as the Sewer Department, The Board of Water Commissioners as also serving as

the Sewer Commission and the Superintendent of the Water Department as also serving as the Superintendent of the Sewer Department; clarification of the duties and responsibilities of the Bristol Water Department when acting as the Sewer Department; Board of Water Commissioners when acting as the Sewer Commission and the Superintendent of the Water Department when acting as the Superintendent of the Sewer Department.

Chair FitzGerald generally reviewed each Schedule.

Tim Gamache asked a question on Section 12A. He asked for a quick synopsis on what is being done to that Section. Commissioner FitzGerald replied that sub-sections were being added. Mr. Gamache asked about the mayor's terms which were changed last year. The limits were on successive terms only.

4. Commissioner Kilby made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Scotti, all voted in favor and the public hearing was closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper
Recording Secretary