

JUNE 18, 2019

A Public Hearing of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street. Present: Acting Mayor Preleski; Council Members Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Mills and Rosado. Absent: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu.

The call of the Public Hearing was presented:

“NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

*There will be a Public Hearing of the Bristol City Council to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.*

1. *The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input regarding the following proposed Charter changes contained in the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report:*
  - a. *Technical and/or non-substantive revisions to Secs. 2, 12A, 16, 19, 38, 39A and 42.*
  - b. *Eliminate certain duties of the building official in Sec. 44A.*
  - c. *Change the city treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in Sec. 12 and Sec. 18.*
  - d. *To clarify the role of the board of police commissioners in Sec. 45.*
  - e. *Remove the board of police commissioners from the promotional process and factors and weights hiring criteria, replace “the rank of captain” with “non-bargaining positions”, and technical changes in Sec. 46A.*
  - f. *Reduce the role of the board of police commissioners in the hiring process for the chief of police; remove residency, experience, education requirements, and job duties for the chief of police in Sec. 46B.*
  - g. *Replace existing Sec. 48A and designate the Bristol Water Department as the Sewer Department, the Board of Water Commissioners as the Sewer Commission, the Supt. of the Water Department as the Supt. of the Sewer Department, and clarify their duties and responsibilities.*
2. *To close the Public Hearing.*

*Per Mayor Ellen A. Zoppo-Sassu, Chairman  
DATED this 13th day of June, 2019.”*

**1. NO PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES IN CHARTER REVISION DRAFT REPORT.**

Jon FitzGerald, Chairperson Charter Revision Commission, gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to the Bristol Charter. He noted that along with technical changes and clarifications from prior year amendments, proposed changes to Sec. 12 and Sec. 18 would change the Treasurer from an elected to an appointed position. He explained that the Commission proposed that the position needed to allow for adequate qualifications for

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individuals assuming the office of Treasurer. Mr. FitzGerald also explained that the proposed changes pertaining to candidates for the Police Chief would allow the Board of Police Commissioners to present a list of qualified candidates instead of only one nomination. Lastly, proposed changes to Sec. 48A would ultimately mean that the functions of the Sewer Commission would be absorbed by the Board of Water Commissioners.

No members of the public spoke regarding the proposed Charter changes.

**2. APPROVAL TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.**

At 6:43 p.m., on motion of Council Member Mills and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To close the Public Hearing.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dawn M. LaBella**  
**Asst. Town & City Clerk**

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