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A Public Hearing of the City Council was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Barney, Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Preleski, and Rosado.

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 Thursday, May 13, 2021 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. *Eliminate limits on successive terms for mayor, city council members, and board of education in Secs. 12A and 39A.*
 - b. *Change the city treasurer from a two year elected official to a four year appointed official in Secs. 12 and 18.*
 - c. *Change the Registrars position from a two year term to a four year term in Sec. 8.*
 - d. *To renumber and reorganize the charter and add a table of contents.*
2. *Public comment regarding the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report.*
3. *To close the Public Hearing.*

*Per Mayor Ellen A. Zoppo-Sassu, Chairman
DATED this 6th day of May, 2021.*

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1. PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING PROPOSED CHARTER REVISION DRAFT REPORT.

Jeff Caggiano, 27 Cricket Hill Road provided background on term limits for several offices that was approved by the voters in 2013. He suggested upholding the will of the people.

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Therese Pac, Bristol Town and City Clerk stated that her name, title and office should be removed from the preface of the Charter Revision Draft Report. She explained that she did not communicate in writing or verbally with the Charter Revision Commission in support of the proposed change to the Registrars' terms of office. She further explained the importance of maintaining neutrality for her office.

Dawn Leger, 18 Chimney Crest Lane suggested the City treasurer remain an elected official in order to provide checks and balances. She also spoke about respecting the decision of the voters concerning term limits.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu read written communications from the following residents:

Kathleen Raymond, 64 Cypress Street (by e-mail) stated it was unconstitutional and voter suppression to set term limits for any office other than the President of the United States.

Ernest Pitti, 65 Palmorr Place (by e-mail) suggested supporting the voice of the voters from 2013 regarding term limits. He noted that if anyone wants to seek a remedy for term limits it should be done through the courts.

Council Member Kelley stated that he agreed with Ernest Pitti regarding term limits.

2. APPROVAL TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

At 6:48 p.m., on motion of Council Member Rosado and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To close the Public Hearing.

ATTEST: _____

Therese Pac
Town & City Clerk