City of Bristol
Charter Revision Commission
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, following Public Hearing at 6:30 pm
City Hall Staff Lounge, 2nd Floor, 111 North Main St., Bristol

Minutes

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

Absent: Michele Roalf

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

1. Chair Jon FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Introduction of Commissioners – the Commissioners introduced themselves.

3. Discuss and approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Charter Revision Commission meeting and take any action as necessary.

   Commissioner Mace made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2019, Commissioner Krampitz seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

4. Discuss the draft report and take any action as necessary.

   Chairman FitzGerald said there was one additional change. On page 7, sub-section 12 (e): the gender specific on line 3 [he or she] is being removed and replaced with the council member.

   Commissioner Kilby made a motion to made this change to 12(e), seconded by Commissioner Mace, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

   There was an additional change to Section 45 on page 9 as it creates a conflict with other sections. This entire subsection (a) is proposed to be replaced as follows:

   (a) [The police department shall be under the general supervision of the board of police commissioners which] The board of police commissioners shall consist of six members, one of whom shall be a member of the city council and five of whom shall be electors of the city, [the mayor who shall be] The mayor shall serve as a member of such board, ex officio, and be the chairperson thereof.

   Commissioner Mace made a motion to accept these changes, seconded by Commissioner Scotti, all present voted in favor and the motion was passed.

   On page 18, Sec. 48A (e) there was a typo as follows: At the end of the 8th line the word should be in – the "i" is missing.
Commissioner Scotti made a motion to amend the report to correct this typo seconded by Commissioner Miller, all present voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Commissioner Kilby made a motion to refer the draft report as amended to the City Council. Commissioner Mace seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

5. Discuss meeting dates and take any action as necessary.

It was proposed to cancel the last two scheduled meetings of June 18, 2019 and June 25, 2019.

Commissioner Kilby made a motion to cancel the last two scheduled meetings as specified seconded by Commissioner Scotti. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Commissioner FitzGerald reminded the Commission of the process. The report will go to City Council probably in time for their next meeting, they will receive it but not take any action on it, they will schedule a joint meeting with the Commission where they can ask any questions they have, they will then schedule a public hearing. After the public hearing, they may or may not have any referrals or changes to come back to the commission. If they have no changes, it becomes the final report and goes to the ballot in November. If they do have changes they would like the commission to make, there will be a meeting after that to vote on whether to accept those changes.

6. To adjourn.

Commissioner Mace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Kilby. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper
Recording Secretary