



City of Bristol
Bristol, Connecticut

**Minutes of the Charter Revision Commission's
Special Meeting of August 5, 2020**

1. Call to order.

Chair Jon FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and read the call of the meeting:

There will be a special meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 immediately following the 7:00 PM public hearing, at City Hall, 111 North Main Street, 1st floor meeting room, Bristol, Connecticut.

2. Introduction of commissioners.

The commissioners introduced themselves. Present were: Richard Carter, Roman Czuchta, Jon FitzGerald, John Krampitz, Kimberly Ploszaj and Laurie Scotti.

Absent was: John Lefreniere

3. Discuss and approve the minutes of the special Charter Revision Commission meeting on March 9, 2020 and take any action as necessary.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Scotti and seconded by Commissioner Czuchta it was unanimously voted: to approve the minutes.

4. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 1, electors constituted body corporate, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

5. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 2, construction of the charter, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 6. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 3, statutory provisions incorporated, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 7. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 4, bond issues, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 8. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 5, city council districts, voting districts and precincts, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 9. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 6, polls when open, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 10. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 7, voting machines, ballots, use of, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 11. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 9, municipal elections, and take any action as necessary.**

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Czuchta and seconded by Commissioner Scotti it was unanimously voted to: recommended the deletion of the words "in a news paper having a general circulation in said city".

- 12. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 10, special elections, municipal elections, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

- 13. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 11, caucuses, nominations, city elections, and take any action as necessary.**

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

14. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 24, fiscal year, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

15. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 41, reserved, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

16. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 47, reserved, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

17. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 50, initiative and removal, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

18. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 51, referendum, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

19. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 56, unlawful harassment in the workplace, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

20. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 57, City of Bristol retirement plan, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

21. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 59, saving clause, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

22. Discussion of possible revisions to charter section 60, existing laws and ordinances, and take any action as necessary.

No recommendations at this time. No votes taken.

23. Discuss comments and potential topics for charter revision raised during the public hearing and take any action as necessary.

Next agenda will include as an item discussion and possible action on the mayor's suggestion "To consider discussing changing the form of government from strong Mayor form of government to a City Manager form of government."

24. Discuss the charter and proposed charter revisions raised by the commissioners of the charter revision commission and take any action as necessary.

Discussion of revising the charter using plainer language and of reorganizing the charter sections.

25. Discuss meeting dates and agendas and take any action as necessary.

On motion by Commissioner Ploszaj and seconded by Commissioner Scotti, it was unanimously voted to schedule meetings commencing at 7:00 PM on the following dates: August 27, 2020; September 16, 2020; October 7, 2020; October 28, 2020, November 18, 2020; and December 10, 2020.

26. Adjourn.

At 8:00 PM, on motion by Commissioner Krampitz and seconded by Commissioner Carter, it was unanimously voted: to adjourn.

Attest: _____
Jon P. FitzGerald, chair