

EAST PROVIDENCE CANVASSING AUTHORITY
MEETING

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Barilla____Pegg____Oliver____

JULY 30, 2020 1PM CONFERENCE ROOM

145 TAUNTON AVENUE, EAST PROVIDENCE, RI

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM BRIAN COOGAN APPEAL ON JULY 8, 2020

Motion ____By____2nd____

Barilla____Pegg____Oliver____

4. CERTIFY NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the East Providence City Charter be amended such that a non-partisan Charter Commission of both elected and appointed members shall be established every eight (8) years?

Proposed Amendment

Article XIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. ~~1-4~~ **13-18**. Charter Commission.

Starting with the 2022 General Election, and the Statewide General Election every eight (8) years thereafter, there shall be a non-partisan election of a Charter Commission. Said Charter Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, two members (2) shall be appointed by the Mayor, two (2) shall be appointed by the City Council, and five (5) shall be elected, one (1) elected member from each City Ward who shall be a resident of each ward and one (1) elected at-large member. The Charter Commission shall choose the Chairperson of the Charter Commission by simple majority vote of the Commission.

If any member appointed by the Mayor or City Council resigns, dies, or is otherwise ineligible to complete the term of office, their replacement shall be made by the original appointing authority. If fewer than five (5) members are elected or if the elected member resigns, dies, or is otherwise ineligible to complete the term of office, the vacant elected seat(s) shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Council.

The Charter Commission shall meet at least monthly. Within nine (9) months from the date of their election or appointment, the Charter Commission may deliver Charter amendment proposal(s) to the City Council for their consideration. The City Council shall determine, after a public hearing, the number of Charter Amendment proposals to be submitted to the electors of the City at the next state general election.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit any power of the City Council related to the Home Rule Charter Amendment process granted to it under Article XIII, Section 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution.

EXPLANATION:

If approved by the voters, this Charter amendment will establish a nine member non-partisan Charter Review Commission to propose home rule charter amendments to the City Council. The Commission will consist of five elected members from each of the City's four wards and one elected member at-large. In addition, there will be four appointed members, two to be appointed by the Mayor and two to be appointed by the City Council. The election of the Charter Commission will occur during the November 2022 General Election.

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5. DISCUSS ON PART TIME CLERK FOR CANVASSING OFFICE

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION (DISCUSSION ONLY PER RI GEN. LAWS SECTION 42-46-6 (d)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion ____By____2nd____

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PETER G. BARILLA SR., CHAIRMAN

ELIZABETH PEGG, CLERK

NICHOLAS OLIVER, MEMBER

SAMANTHA BURNETT

LESLIE SHATTUCK-MOORE

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