Minutes of the
Charter Review Commission

A meeting of the Charter Review Committee was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, via the Zoom platform at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Maureen Cronin, Chair
Guy Weston, Secretary
Susan Taylor
Michael Rego
Stephanie Smyth
Bari Freeman
John Trifero

Jeanne Napolitano, Mayor
Christopher Behan, City Solicitor

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Discussion began on the meetings dates of the Commission. It was felt that the 1st and 3rd Thursdays will work better than the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The uncertainty of the meeting platform, Zoom v. in-person was discussed and noted it was dependent on the governors executive order.

The Chair reported she had discussed the communications sub group with the City Solicitor and the City Manager. She reported that the Solicitor indicated the group should consist of no more than 3 members, the sub group be established for a finite period of time, that all recommendations of the group be discussed and voted on by the full commission, and that the city's communication office be used for public communications and interactions.

There was discussion on the initial outreach of the Commission to the City's boards and commissions. The idea of reviewing the application and vetting process was one idea floated for further review and study. The Secretary reported on the purpose of the initial letter sent to the various boards and commissions to gain some quick feedback from the groups.

Discussion moved on to the collection and presentation of the information gathering process.

Discussion began on the status of individual member review if charter and initial observation. The consensus was that as a group the Commission would review the charter section by section.

Meeting adjourned approximately 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Guy Weston, secretary.