

## **WARWICK CITY COUNCIL CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

Meeting minutes from Wednesday April 13, 2016

Come to Order: 6:00 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

Ed Ladouceur	Timothy Howe	Camille Vella-Wilkinson	Jeremy Rix
Anthony Sinapi	Donna Travis	Nathan Cornell	Kathleen Usler
Lynne Radiches	Steven Merolla	Karen Bachus	Joseph Solomon

1. Public Comment.
2. Acceptance of the meeting minutes for April 5, 2016
  - a. Motion (Bachus) to amend the minutes by adding Cornell as an attendee. (Second Rix) Approved.
  - b. Motion (Sinapi) to accept minutes, as amended. (Second Howe). Approved
3. Discussion on Home Rule Charter
  - a. Handout provided to all members by Lynne Radiches
  - b. Anthony Sinapi was prepared to share his research on Home Rule v. Legislative Charters. (Motion Howe/Second: Travis, Merolla, Bachus). Approved to hear briefing.
  - c. Motion (Pacheco) to invite a representative from the RI League of Cities & Towns (or comparable expert) to provide a second briefing on Home Rule Charters. (Second Solomon, Merolla, Bachus, Rix) Approved. Pacheco would outreach.
4. Discussion Term Lengths/Term Limits, School Committee make-up, adding recall of elected officials to charter
  - a. Motion (Solomon) to table these and all other topics until after the briefing and any required/suggested follow-up research on Home Rule Charter (Second Travis, Howe). Approved.
5. Motion (Solomon) to post Agenda 14 days in advance of meetings when discussing specific changes to the Warwick City Charter (Second Bachus, Usler, Rix, Pacheco, Travis, Merolla). Approved.

6. Motion (Bachus) to hold all future meetings until after the briefing from the RI League of Cities & Towns (or comparable expert) provides a briefing to the Commission. (Second Usler) Approved.
7. Motion (Pacheco) to utilize an attorney not connected to the Commission for any legislation drafting or research required by the Charter Review Commission. (Second Sinapi). Approved.
8. Motion (Howe) that the position of Timer be filled by Usler and Bachus). (Second Merolla). Approved.
9. Motion (Howe) that the position of Recording Secretary be filled by Vella-Wilkinson and Cornell. (Second Merolla) Approved.
10. Motion (Pacheco) to increase Public comment from 10 minutes to 15 minutes. (Second Sinapi). Approved.
  - a. Motion (Pacheco and Usler) to have each person identify the issue and how much time they want to speak on the sign-up sheet. If the total amount requested exceeds 15 minutes, the Chair will ask those who signed up to adjust their times. Otherwise first 15 minutes are provided to those who signed up first. (Second Rix). Approved.
11. Motion to adjourn (Travis). (Second Bachus). Approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.