

CITY OF STAMFORD 19TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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REPORT MEETING

**Tuesday, April 27, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

This meeting was held remotely at the above date and time. Present were Commission Members Bilicznianski, Camporeale, Halpern, Kolenberg, Lane, Larobina, Loeb, Lombardo, Martinez, McMullen, Michelson, Pioli, Pramberger. Also present was Steve Mednick, Ron Thomas.

1. Co- Chair Lombardo called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. due to technical difficulties.
2. Co- Chair Lombardo asked the clerk to take attendance through those present on ZOOM.
3. Co- Chair Lombardo confirmed we had a quorum to proceed.
4. Commissioner Larobina led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Co- Chair Thomas Lombardo asked that we take the agenda out of order, the guest Speakers were moved to item 4. He introduced the two guest speakers: Attorney Steve Mednick, Deputy Director Ron Thomas of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.
6. Steve Mednick presented to the commission about the charter process. (Please reference the video at 5:28)
7. Commissioner Bower and Williams joined the meeting.
8. Mr. Mednick followed up with a question-and-answer time for the commissioners. (Please reference the video at 35:00)
9. Co-Chair Lombardo introduced the next presenter, Ron Thomas
10. Ron Thomas presented to the commission about the charter process. (Please reference the video at 56:00)

11. Co- Chair Lombardo asked that we now discuss communications and correspondence. Topics Discussed; Commissioner Larbina spoke about the process of obtaining outside counsel, purchasing ordinance. (Please reference the video at **1:14:00**)
12. Co – Chair Kolenberg confirmed the budget allocation \$100,000 for legal counsel for 2021/2022 and then for fiscal year 2022/23, totaling approximately \$200,000 for the duration of the Commission’s work
13. Co- Chair Lombardo asked that the committee entertain motion to move forward with the City purchasing agent and to begin setting things in order for an RFP.
14. Commissioner J. R. McMullen motioned that we engage the purchasing agent to engage an attorney that specializes in Charter revision.
15. Commissioner Larobina clarified that the chairs would have to appoint a selection Commission, which would include the purchasing agent.
16. Commissioner J. R. McMullen altered his monition to reflect Commissioners statement.
17. Commissioner Larobina seconded the motion.
18. Members of the commission voted through raising their hands. It passed unanimously.
19. Co- Chair Lombardo spoke with commission members regarding public hearing and the advertising the meeting information with the general public. The following suggestions were made newspaper, flyers, organizations with the city, letter to the editor, social media, press release and Mayor’s weekly communication/ newsletter.
20. Co- Chair Kolenberg will follow up with the Mayor Simmons office.
21. Co- Chair Lombardo spoke on the public hearing dates and the regular meeting date.
22. Co – Chair Lombardo motioned that the commission to meet after the May 12th hearing to consider urgent or immediate business. Commissioner Pramberger moved to accept the motion.
23. Co- Chair Kolenberg moved to accept the minutes from the April 13th meeting with the alteration that Commissioner Michelson’s abstention be reflected.
24. Co- Chair Lombardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pramberger.

This meeting is available on [video](#).