

CITY OF STAMFORD 19TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Anthony Pramberger, Chair

Members

Michael Larobina

Thomas Lombardo

JR McMullen

Jackie Pioli

Agenda

Thursday, October 6, 2022, 7:00 pm

This meeting will be conducted remotely and can be accessed by computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82136378738> or at www.zoom.com – Webinar ID 821 3637 8738 or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656 – Webinar ID 821 3637 8738

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Suggestions from Board of Representatives leadership regarding the Charge of the Charter Revision Commission.
4. Seeking input from Board of Representatives leadership on specific issues:
 - a. Elected Officials Committee
 - i. C1-10-4 - Amend to provide that public hearings have an opportunity for public/board member dialogue
 - ii. C1-70-3 - Consider Term Limits
 - iii. C1-80-1 - Consider preventing elected officers from holding dual offices, including state offices such as state representative or as appropriate with appointed Boards or Commissions.
 - iv. C3-10-4 - Delete “or” before the Town Clerk
“In the event the Mayor is or intends to be absent from the City for a period of forty-eight (48) hours or more, the Mayor shall give written notice to that effect to the President and/or Clerk of the Board of Representatives and/or the Town Clerk.”
 - v. C3-10-7 - Clarify that the Mayor may issue the oath of office

- vi. C1-70-3; C1-70-4; C1-80-1 - Halve the number of members on the Board of Representatives, either by having one per district or reducing the number of districts to ten
 - vii. C1-70-3 - Give the members of the Representative staggered terms, so one-half of the Board is elected every two years.
 - viii. Arthur Selkowitz email - Consider how other cities are governed, e.g., Austin.; and – Zero base government structure
- b. Commissioner Michelson
 - i. C1-80-1 - Should members of the Board of Representatives, Board of Education, and Board of Finance receive compensation for their service? If yes, what level of compensation would you think is appropriate?
 - ii. C5-20-3 - Should the Board of Representatives have a budget for their own independent counsel?
 - iii. What do you think should be changed, if anything, in the petition-protest process?
 - c. Commissioner Halpern
 - i. C2-10-2, Powers of BOR, Item 1 - Enact ordinances. “The Board of Representatives may prescribe fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, and otherwise provide for the enforcement and collection of the same when not inconsistent with law or this Charter.”
 - 1. Who is responsible to ensure ordinances are being followed and if the ordinance is not being enforced, what is the course of action?
 - 2. Should there be an enforcement committee where an individual can ask questions or report an infraction without having to hire an attorney? For example, Chapter 29, Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Ordinance 1271, enacted Jan. 4, 2021. Little to no action has been taken to provide for this fund since enacted. What would be the next step here?
 - ii. The 2015 Master Plan has undergone innumerable map and text changes over the past 3 years alone. Should the Board of Representatives be more involved in the process and vote on ANY map and text changes?
 - d. Other Commissioners
- 5. Continuing our workload:
 - a. Input from outside counsel
 - b. Our own ideas
 - 6. Approval of Meeting Notes of September 15, 2022.
 - 7. Update on meetings for 2022:
 - October 19 (Board of Education)
 - November 3 (Mayor Simmons is confirmed; Co-Chairs to invite former mayors; will be a hybrid meeting from the Govt. Center); 16
 - December 1 (Chair will be away); 15
 - When do we need to set the calendar for 2023?

8. Remaining invitations to be issued:
 - a. City and Town Clerk, Lyda Ruijter
 - b. Other?
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. 115 – Consider how other cities are governed, i.e. Austin; and 116 – Zero base government structure
 - b. 117 – Replace Board of Representatives with City Council
10. New Business
11. Adjournment