

**TOWN OF CROMWELL**  
**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

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Thursday, March 16, 2017  
7:00PM TOWN HALL ROOM 222

  
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**MINUTES**

- A. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.
1. Present: Mike Cannata, Paul Beaulieu, Marie Roberto, Tony Amenta, Karen Spotts and Shirley Banic.
  2. Also Present: Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore, Town Attorney, Kari Olson.
  3. Absent: Mike Camilleri.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** - Paul Beaulieu motioned to approve the agenda for Thursday, March 15th, 2017, seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. **Approval of Minutes** - Paul Beaulieu motioned to approve the minutes from February 15th, 2017, seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously
1. As a point of clarification, the Commission noted at the end of section 1 of 'New Business', "The Commission unanimously agreed that the Mayor shouldn't be liable for any expenses related to food and travel", that they recommend no changes to the current Charter regarding compensation to town council members and the mayor (2.04).
- D. **Correspondence** - none.
- E. **Public Comments** - Joan Ahlquist, Town Clerk: Joan mentioned that the explanatory text for the proposed Charter amendments has to be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in order to be on the ballot for the November election. The ballot question must also be submitted by September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to the state Attorney General for approval.
- F. **Old Business**
1. Review proposed revisions to the Charter
    - i. Section 6.07. Power to Overrule: Discussed changing the language concerning the power to overrule a 'supplemental appropriation', and other minor language tweaks.

- ii. The Commission clarified that non-resident property owners (excluding owners of LLC entities) can vote in a budget referendum.
- iii. Discussed the idea of including an Ethics Commission in the Charter, which the Commission agreed was not necessary.
- iv. An effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was deemed for the new (voter approved) Charter provisions to go into effect.
- v. The Commission scheduled their next meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, which it noted will focus on finalizing language for previously proposed substantive changes to the Charter.

#### **G. New Business**

1. Discuss & potentially approve proposed revisions to various Charter sections.
  - i. No new business was discussed.

#### **H. Adjournment**

1. Paul Beaulieu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Mike. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Please contact Charter Revision Commission Chairman, Mike Camilleri, at [mikecamilleri@gmail.com](mailto:mikecamilleri@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Atkin

Recording Clerk