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TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2017

Gloria Prendergast, Asst.
TOWN CLERK

7:00PM TOWN HALL ROOM 222

MINUTES

- A. **Call to Order** - 7:10 PM - Present: Marie Roberto, Mike Cannata, Mike Camilleri, Paul Beaulieu, Shirley Bannic and Town Attorney, Kari Olson.
 1. Absent: Karen Spotts and Tony Amenta.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** - Paul motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by mike, motion unanimously approved.
- C. **Approval of Minutes** - Meeting December 7th, 2016. Paul motioned to approve the minutes from December 7th, 2016, seconded by mike. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Correspondence** - none
- E. **Public Comments** - Ed Weners (4 Fenwick) expressed curiosity about how next election will work for Town Council with staggered terms.
- F. **Old Business**
 1. Review proposed revisions to the Charter as discussed at earlier meetings
 - i. The meeting focused on reviewing proposed edits/revisions the Town Attorney made on the Charter.
 - ii. Section 2.01.: Last sentence should read: "As provided herein, the Council and the Town Manager shall have the power to appoint regular and special Town boards, commissions and agencies."
 - iii. Section 2.0.2. (c): Should read: "The regular election of Town Council members shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November biennially in odd numbered years. The terms of Council members shall be four (4) years. Except that, beginning in 2019, for those first elected, three (3) members shall be elected to serve terms of two (2) years. At the next subsequent municipal election, thereafter, there shall be elected the number of members required to result in a total of six (6) total members for four (4) year terms.
 - iv. Section 2.0.3. (a): Should read: "A Mayor shall be elected by the voters of the Town at large and shall serve a term of four years or until a successor shall be elected."
 - v. Section 2.0.3. (b): Replace 'shall have' with 'granted' so sentence reads: "The mayor shall be a full voting members of the Council and shall have..."

- vi. Section 2.0.6.: After each biennial municipal election...add “at the first regular meeting.”
- vii. Section 2.0.7. (a) Vacancies: add “or this Charter” at the end of the sentence.f
- viii. Section 2.0.7. Filling of Vacancies: The Commission added language indicating that Town Council vacancies should be filled within 45 days.
 - 1. Second sentence should read: “In filling any vacancy, the Council shall select an eligible elector of the same political party as the former council member, or an elector nominated by that political party regardless of political affiliation.”
- ix. Section 2.09. The Commission added language about selecting an independent auditor.
- x. Section 3.0.4. (7): Discussed whether this section needed to be in the Charter or not.
- xi. Section 4.02.: Clarified that this section should only reference titles of officers from each department.
- xii. The Commission discussed a number of different provisions without reaching consensus, but asked the Town Attorney to draft proposed revisions on a number of sections, including those which she thought needed additional clean-up.
- xiii. The Commission set their next meeting date to February 1st, at 7:00 p.m.

G. New Business

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

H. Adjournment

- 1. Paul Beaulieu motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Please contact Charter Revision Commission Chairman, Mike Camilleri, at mikecamilleri@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur Atkin

Recording Clerk