

TOWN OF CROMWELL  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

7:00PM TOWN HALL ROOM 222

MINUTES

A. **Call to Order** - Chairman Mike Camilleri called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

1. Present: Mike Camilleri, Mike Cannata, Paul Beaulieu, Marie Roberto, Karen Spotts.
2. Also Present: Town Attorney, Kari Olson.
3. Absent: Tony Amenta, Shirley Bannic.

B. **Approval of Agenda** - Mike Camilleri motioned to approve the agenda for Wednesday, March 29th, 2017, seconded by Paul. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Approval of Minutes** - Marie motioned to approve the minutes from Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Mike Cannata had questions. The Commission noted the following changes to the March 15th, 2017 minutes:

1. Under Joan Ahlquist's public comment, the ballot question must also be submitted by September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to the Secretary of State for approval, not the Attorney General.
2. Replace '(excluding owners of LLC entities)' with 'excluding entities' under the second item of Old Business.

Marie motioned to approve the minutes as changed, seconded by Mike Camilleri. The motion passed unanimously.

D. **Correspondence** - none.

E. **Public Comments** - Joan Ahlquist (Town Clerk) shared results on previous Charter ballot measures in 2003 and 2011. She noted that in the last election (2011), 91% of the voters that casted votes in the election voted on the Charter ballot question. In 2003, 79% of the voters that casted votes in the election voted on the Charter ballot question.

F. **Old Business**

1. Review proposed revisions to the Charter

- i. Section 2.11. (a), the beginning of the second sentence after 'Town Council' should read: 'Notice of such hearings shall be given ten (10) days prior by publication in a newspaper', instead of 'Ten (10) days prior notice of such hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper'.
- ii. Section 2.11. (b), replace: 'shall be published in a newspaper' with 'as required by law for the publication of municipal notices'.
- iii. The Commission discussed the idea of an in-state residency requirement for the Town Manager.
  1. The Commission agreed to draft language that requires a newly appointed Town Manager to establish residency in the town within six months of appointment. Further, the appointee may only reside outside of the town with approval from a super-majority of the Town Council.
- iv. Section 4.08. (Tax Collector) and 4.09. (Town Clerk): The Commission mentioned that the Town Manager's power to appoint, suspend, or remove the Tax Collector/Town Clerk shall commence on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- v. Section 11.05 (Temporary Ordinances): The Commission agreed to delete this section.

#### G. New Business

1. Discuss & potentially approve proposed revisions to various Charter sections.
  - i. The Commission will hold a public hearing at their next meeting, which they would like to occur on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### H. Adjournment

1. Mike Camilleri motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Cannata. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

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