

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; Josh Goldstein, Johan Lopez, Melissa Murray, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Jalin Sead

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela

OTHERS:
Via Videoconference and Teleconference

ROLL CALL

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

There was no public hearing discussion necessary at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to comment at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to consider for approval at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to consider at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Discuss and vote on amendment to Section 9-27 (2024 Transition Provision) of the Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reappointment of Common Council Voting Districts.**

Ms. Shanahan explained that due to a delay in the RFP process, this item was slightly out of sync with other items. There is a change in the transition provision. Ms. Shanahan then requested Atty. Candela to review the details.

Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment of Common Council Voting Districts

Chapter 9 – Article IX

§9-27 The Reapportionment Advisory Committee: Appointment Date.

- A. Appointment.** No later than thirty days following the completion of reapportionment of the General Assembly, as required by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, as further set forth in the General Statutes, a Reapportionment Advisory Committee consisting of seven members, no more than three of whom shall be of the same political party, shall be appointed by the President of the Council, following consultation with the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Council, and approved by a Majority Vote of the Council. In addition to consulting with the caucus leaders of the Council, the President shall consult with civic, political and community leaders in order to seek members reflecting the diversity of the residents as well as the geographic representation required by the Charter.
- B. Ex-officio Non-Voting Members.** The Registrars of Voters shall serve as ex-official non-voting members of the Reapportionment Advisory Committee.
- C. Appointment Date.** The date the Common Council approves the Reapportionment Advisory Committee shall be the “Appointment Date.”

2024 Transition Provision. The Reapportionment Advisory Committee shall be approved by the Common Council not later than one hundred twenty days following the effective date of this Ordinance.

Atty. Candela said that this change was being done to allow the item to be enacted. He explained that they had changed the time period from thirty days to one hundred and twenty days, which would be June 27th.

Atty. Candela said that the goal was to move this item to a Public Hearing and hopefully have it approved by the full Council in May. He said they would like to have the Council present candidates for the Advisory Committee and to have them in place in early June before the end of the 120 days.

If the Committee and the Council are able to do this, it will avoid having to make other amendments to deadlines including the Committee drafting their report or the full Council

responding to that draft report within 45 days in order to have this ordinance in place for the 2025 election season and cycle.

**** MS. MURRAY MOVED TO SCHEDULE THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 17TH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no additional items to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. MURRAY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

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