CITY OF NORWALK
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Patsy Brescia, Chair; Carl Dickens, Tyler Fairbairn, Richard McQuaid, Benita Watford, Angelina Wasunna, Michael Witherspoon

STAFF: Atty. Steven Mednick, consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brescia called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Public Hearing: May 17, 2023**

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 17, 2023.**
**** MS. WASUNNA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 17, 2023 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

IV . CONTINUED FINAL DELIBERATIONS AND ACTION: REVIEW OF EDITS AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENT OF DRAFT REPORT (ARTICLE X TENTATIVELY APPROVED 1 MARCH 2023)

Atty. Mednick said that they needed to amend Article 10, which was accidently omitted from the document. There are no outstanding changes. Atty. Mednick said that Mr. Dachowitz had not gotten back to him.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT of ARTICLE 10 AS PRESENTED.**
**** MR. DICKENS SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES 10 AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Atty. Mednick said that in Article 8, which addresses the Board of Education, there was an addition regarding addressing other capital expenditures. Atty. Mednick said that Atty. Thomas Mooney, the BOE counsel, had contacted Atty. Mednick to point out that the new language would impede with the BOE's ability to make other capital expenditures for items such as computers or other types of equipment including furniture. Atty. Mednick said he would recommend deleting the additional phrase "or other capital expenditures" from the article.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 BY DELETING THE PHRASE "OR OTHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES" AS DISCUSSED.**
**** MR. DICKENS SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES 8 BY DELETING THE PHRASE "OR OTHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES" AS DISCUSSED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Atty. Mednick said that when Ms. Brescia reviewed the updated charter, she realized that the Library Director had been omitted. Atty. Mednick then spoke about Title 11 which creates the Library Commission. He reminded everyone that the Library Board positions were elected and reviewed the details of the provision. The Public Library is listed as a Department but there is no mention of a Library Director. Atty. Mednick said that he believed that when the item is presented to the Council, they will encourage the Council to discuss this issue. He added that he had spoken to the Corporation Counsel about this.

Atty. Mednick said that he had received an email with a number of recommendations from the Economic Development, but these recommendations were no

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHARTER AS AMENDED.**
**** MS. WATFORD AND MS. WASUNNA SECONDED**.
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Atty. Mednick said that the Charter Revision will be presented to the Council on June 5th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a number of workshops for the Council and on July 10th, there will be a Public Hearing, followed by a Council vote on July 17th. On July 19th, the Commission will received the Council's recommendations.

Atty. Mednick said that the workshops would be with the Council Members and the Commissioners. The Council Members will have the opportunity to ask the Commissioners about the various changes. Discussion followed about the details. Atty. Mednick said that they would have a better sense of the timeline once the Council presentation was made. Atty. Mednick said that he would send the Commissioners a list of the potential dates as soon as possible.

Ms. Wasunna left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Ms. Brescia encouraged everyone to attend as many of the meetings as possible. She said that she would prefer that they meet with the Council as a whole rather than having an Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. McQuaid thanked Ms. Brescia and Atty. Mednick for their work on the Charter Revision. He said that he had been on a number of Committees and Commissions and this one had remained non-partisan. Mr. Dickens agreed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. DICKENS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MR. MCQUAID SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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