

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JULY 6, 2023
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the special meeting/workshop to order at 8:34 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Edwin Camacho (8:37 P.M.)
	Mr. Joshua Goldstein	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A:

District B: Ms. Diana Revolus

District C:

District D:

District E: Mr. James Frayer

At Roll Call there were six (6) Common Councilmembers present and nine (9) absent (Mr. Camacho; Ms. Ayers; Mr. Heuvelman; Ms. Young; Mr. Kydes; Ms. McMurrer; Ms. Alterman; Mr. Meek; Ms. Shanahan).

Also present were Mayor, Harry Rilling; City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

Members of the Charter Revision present were Ms. Patsy Brescia; Mr. Carl Dickens; Mr. Tyler Fairbairn and Attorney Steven Mednick

Mr. Camacho joined the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation comments are not verbatim and represent a summarization of statements unless otherwise noted. Speakers are Norwalk residents unless otherwise noted.

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. REVIEW ARTICLES IX – END OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Mr. Burnett explained that this will be the third workshop of the Common Council on the Charter Revision. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Mednick.

Mr. Mednick shared his screen and addressed comments that were provided by Ms. McMurrer and Ms. Niedzielski Eichner. He said this document will show some of the editorial changes that were made.

Mr. Mednick reviewed each section of the Charter and fielded questions from the members of the Common Council. Mr. Mednick said that he will update the document based on recommendations made by Common Council members.

Mayor Rilling expressed this thanks to Mr. Mednick for doing a remarkable job of making the Charter a readable document. Mr. Mednik said that his experience in Norwalk has been one of the best he has had due to the cooperation of everyone.

V. REVIEW OF CHARTER REVISION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

The upcoming schedule is as follows; however, the times have not been established.

A. JULY 10: PUBLIC HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS

B. JULY 17: COUNCIL ACTION: FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS

C. JULY 19: CONFERRAL MEETING WITH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

D. JULY 26: CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Brescia and the members of the Charter Revision for doing a yeoman's job on this project. Ms. Brescia said she reached out to the First, Second, Third and Sixth Taxing Districts and asked to be present at their meetings to answer questions about the Charter Revision. She noted there are no changes to the taxing districts.

Mr. Dickens noted the importance of having people attend these meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

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SPECIAL MEETING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 8:34 PM
- II. **ROLL CALL** 7- Ms. Ayers, Ms. Young, Mr. Kydes, Ms. McMurrer, Ms. Alterman, Mr. Meek, and Ms. Shanahan absent; Mr. Camacho joined at 8:37 PM
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 0
- IV. **REVIEW ARTICLES IX – END OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**
NO VOTES OR ACTION TAKEN
- V. **REVIEW OF CHARTER REVISION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**
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- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** 10:56 PM

ACCEPTED