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HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION
Town Hall – Second Floor Conference Room
September 14, 2021
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Home Rule Charter Commission to order at 5:30 P.M. This meeting was held In-Person at Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, R.I.

B. ROLL CALL

Present were: Chair B. Joe Reddish, III, Vice Chair Mark T. Reynolds, Gina M. DeBernardo, Krista Marie Tracy (Arrived after Roll Call), Tracy A. Nelson, Joseph Arsenault, Benjamin Jack, and Erin F. Liese. Not present was Joseph Arsenault.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Discussion and Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 31, 2021 by Tracy A. Nelson seconded by Mark T. Reynolds. Vote: B. Joe Reddish, III- Aye, Mark T. Reynolds- Aye, Erin F. Liese- Aye, Gina M. DeBernardo- Aye, Tracy A. Nelson- Aye, and Benjamin Jack- Aye. (Unanimous)

Krista Marie Tracy arrived at 5:34 P.M.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6(b) the Commission May Review, Discuss and or take Action of the following items:

- 1) Discussion on Budget Adoption Language Research

The budget development timeline was reviewed.

Discussion was held on Public Hearings and the importance of public input. It was suggested that two Public Hearings be held.

Discussion was held on advertisement of hearings.

It was suggested to strike sections 5, 7, & 8.

The voter initiative language was reviewed.

M. Reynolds suggested sending the draft language to the Town Administrator and Finance Director for input.

- 2) Discussion on Town Manager Language Research

The proposed language was reviewed.

- 3) Discussion on Non-Partisan Election Language Research

Discussion ensued on non-partisan language.

G. DeBernardo suggested looking at non-partisan elections by office size.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6(b) the Commission May Review, Discuss and or take Action of the following items:

- 1) Discussion on Soliciting Input/ Feedback on the Charter Review Process

Discussion ensued on feedback.

A motion was made by Tracy A. Nelson with second by Gina DeBernardo to authorize the Town Clerk to send notice to Department Heads soliciting their input. Vote: B. Joe Reddish, III- Aye, Mark T. Reynolds- Aye, Erin F. Liese- Aye, Gina M. DeBernardo- Aye, Tracy A. Nelson- Aye, Krista Marie Tracy- Aye and Benjamin Jack- Aye. (Unanimous)

- 2) Discussion of potential amendments to the Home Rule Charter

No further discussion was held.

- 3) Schedule future meeting dates

Potential dates were reviewed.

It was determined the next meeting would be October 7, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Mark T. Reynolds with second by Erin F. Liese to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Vote: B. Joe Reddish, III- Aye, Mark T. Reynolds- Aye, Erin F. Liese- Aye, Gina M. DeBernardo- Aye, Tracy A. Nelson- Aye, Krista Marie Tracy- Aye and Benjamin Jack- Aye. (Unanimous)

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC Town Clerk