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SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting: May 3, 2023

IV. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. DISCUSSION: CONSOLIDATED CHARTER

VII. DISCUSSION OF CRC CALENDAR

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
NORWALK, CT**

**MAY 3, 2023
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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ATTENDANCE: Patsy Brescia, Chair; Carl Dickens; Tyler Fairbairn; Angela Wasunna; Bernita Watford; Michael Witherspoon

OTHERS: Steven Mednick, Commission Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brescia called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Brescia called the Roll as indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special Meeting: April 27, 2023

**** MR. DICKENS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MR. WITHERSPOON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present this evening who wished to comment.

V. DISCUSSION: CONSOLIDATED CHARTER

Mr. Mednick shared his screen and explained that this is the first look at the consolidated document. He reviewed each part of the document and began by reviewing the table of contents. He reviewed the taxing districts and said he updated the document to include gender neutral language. He reviewed the sunset provisions.

Ms. Brescia said that through the decades there have been discussions about sidewalks and footpaths. She added that they have been an issue. Mr. Mednick said he would look into that.

Ms. Wasunna asked if there should be an explanation in the simple terms that describes what the Charter does. This is a governing document that explains each section and the impact on the citizens. Mr. Mednick said this was a wonderful idea and added that there should be a statement from the members of the Charter Revision Commission. Ms. Wasunna said she will make an attempt to create the explanation. Mr. Mednick said the last part of this would be to try to explain the taxing districts.

Mr. Mednick said they did not take a lot of time going through the section on boards, commissions and departments.

The Commissioners reviewed the provisions of the Sixth Taxing District.

Ms. Brescia said it was important to have the department heads at the next meeting. Mr. Mednick said he would send an invitation to all department heads.

Ms. Brescia referenced the section on the Library and said she believes that the whole section was changed in 1971 or 1972 and it needs to be re-visited. In response to Ms. Brescia's comments about the taxing districts, Mr. Mednick said they are not going to refine the language in the Charter and will not be changing anything within the taxing districts. He noted that they do not have the ability to make changes to the taxing districts.

Mr. Mednick strongly suggested that everyone look at the Charter and to feel free to contact him with their comments. Members of the Commission agreed to look at specific articles in the Charter.

VI. DISCUSSION OF CRC CALENDAR: SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The Commissioners discussed upcoming meeting dates.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

** MR. DICKENS MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services