



**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021  
7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Robert Blanchard calls the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**2. Roll call**

**Present:** Commissioner Robert Blanchard, Chair; Commissioner David Greaves, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Edward McKeon (Councilmember); Commissioner David Ribnick; Commissioner David Roane, Secretary; Commissioner Linda Salafia (Councilmember); Commissioner Kelly Sweeney; and Commissioner William Wilson

**Absent:** Commissioner Selena Rivera; Commissioner Molly Salafia

**Also Present:** Councilman Eugene Nocera, Ex Officio (arrived 7:45 PM)  
Steven Mednick, Esq. - Consulting Legal Counsel  
Brig Smith, Esq. - General Counsel  
Linda SK Reed, Clerk of the Common Council

This meeting is livestreaming on WebEx and on the City's Facebook page.

Members of the Public: WebEx – 10 attendees; Facebook livestream (unknown number of viewers)

**3. Public Comment - Opens**

Commission Chair Blanchard opens the public hearing at 7:05 PM. Members of the public, looking to speak, will have five (5) minutes to address the Commission.

**4. Public Comment - Closes**

There being no members of the public looking to speak, the Chair calls for motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner David Roane moves to close the public hearing. Commissioner William Wilson seconds the motion.

There being no discussion the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously (Commissioners Blanchard, Greaves, McKeon, Ribnick, Roane, L. Salafia, Sweeney, and Wilson; Absent: Commissioners Rivera and M. Salafia). The matter is approved. The Chair closes the public hearing at 7:06 PM.

**5. Action Items**

Before getting into this item, Chairman Blanchard asks Attorney Steven Mednick to give the "rules for the road" as they go through each item.

Attorney Mednick explains that these are the items that, a couple of meetings ago, there was a chart with two columns, sort of a menu. On one side, there were items that required more due diligence, investigation, review. Then there were a number of items during the December and January meetings that were really in the ballpark for drafting. These are the so-called "low hanging fruit" items that the Commission has tentatively approved. Nothing is finally approved. These are an inclination to do some of these things on the list. One item not on the list is Definitions." On the document that he sent out, the members will see that there were draft definitions, which was taken off the agenda, so we will deal with those at a later point. What we can do tonight is either go through and vote on each item as an action item, or we can get a feel for the room that we are moving in the right direction, just hold them and take action at a later point. He leaves that to the Chair and the Commission members to decide how to approach it. He is happy to walk through the items when the Commission is ready.

The Chair states that the goal tonight, in his opinion, is to avoid "paralysis by analysis." He wants to be sure when we look at these items that we vote either not to send them to the Council, depending on the discussion that we have, or we vote to make changes or amendments or kick it back to legal if it is more complicated. Or, if a fairly innocuous change that does not need to be deliberated, we can vote to move it to the moving forward pile. What is important as we do our due diligence through this process is, once we have moved items to the "send to Council" pile, that we review them all at the end after we have a public hearing a have one final vote. Which is standard, before sending it to Council, who will then decide is they over it forward and put it on the ballot in November. He asks Attorney Mednick to go through each item and the body can discuss. Everyone