

CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT

Charter Revision Commission
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES
(Subject to Approval)

1. Call to Order.

Daniel Salerno called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Members in Attendance: Daniel Salerno, Neil Connors, Nathan Amos, Justin Dorsey, Carmelo Rodriguez and John Buckley. Sharon Beloin-Saavedra was absent.

3. Public Comment.

Salerno opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments from the public. Dorsey made a motion to elect Salerno as temporary chair. Motion was seconded by Connors. Approved 5-0. Salerno abstained.

4. Approve April 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

The Commissioners were provided a copy of the draft minutes from the April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting for review and approval. A motion was made by Dorsey to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Rodriguez. Approved 6-0.

5. Discuss Public Comment to Draft Report to the Common Council regarding Proposed Amendments to the City of New Britain's Charter.

Salerno discussed the Draft Report and noted that Beloin-Saavedra was ill and could not attend tonight's meeting or public hearing. He encouraged the Commissioners to raise issues related to the Charter but wanted to wait to vote on the draft report until a future meeting with Beloin-Saavedra in attendance. A discussion ensued regarding scheduling of a future meeting as Beloin-Saavedra might not be able to attend on May 12, 2022. Salerno proposed Thursday, May

19th for the next meeting. A motion was made by Connors to cancel the May 12, 2022 meeting and tentatively schedule a special meeting on May 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Amos. Approved 6-0.

Dorsey thanked the representatives from Shipman & Goodwin for their assistance with the Charter revision process.

Buckley directed the Commissioners to the email received from Peter Gostin, which was sent to each of them prior to the meeting and included in their meeting packages. Buckley asked whether the Commission wanted to take up the Cost of Living Adjustment issue raised in Gostin's correspondence. Salerno stated that he believed the issue was raised previously and that the Commission decided not to take action on it. Salerno asked the Commissioners if there was any further comment in the issue. There was none.

Danielle Braun from Shipman & Goodwin directed the Commissioners to the draft Charter revision language she was asked to prepare regarding a residency requirement for the Town and City Clerk and the Revenue Collector. She noted that the draft language mirrors the residency requirement language in the Chief Operations Officer section. She further directed the Commissioners to a blackline provided to them that contained additional legal clean-up items, such as making the references to the "Town and City Clerk" consistent throughout the Charter, removing duplicative phrases, and replacing pronouns with descriptive language. Discussion ensued regarding the residency requirement. A motion was made by Connors to revise the current version of the draft report to include the draft language provided, which includes the residency requirement for the Town and City Clerk and the Revenue Collector and the legal clean-up items. Motion was seconded by Rodriguez. Approved 6-0.

6. Act on Draft Report to the Common Council regarding Proposed Amendments to the City of New Britain's Charter.

A motion was made by Dorsey to table action on this item until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Rodriguez. Approved 6-0.

7. Adjournment.

Motion made by Dorsey to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Amos. Approved 6-0.

Submitted by:

Danielle M. Braun
Acting Recording Clerk