

17th Charter Revision Committee Recommendations - Final Actions - June 26, 2012							
Vote No.	Charge No.	Com.	Subject	Committee Recommendation	Description	Charter Section	Vote
1	20	G/F	City Directors/Director of Administration	Recommends	This recommendation would mandate an Internal Audit and Risk Management function within the Office of Administration. (Under the current Charter, the Internal Audit function is discretionary.)	C5-50-2 (Page 35)	APP 14-0-0
2	36	F	Budget Process	No change recommended	This recommendation would amend the capital projects budget to include projects expected to be started with the next 2 years.	C8-30-1 et seq. (Page 81)	APP 14-0-0
3	37	F	Budget Process	No change recommended	This recommendation would require BOR approval of appointments of Special Assistants by the Mayor.	C3-10-2 (Page 20)	APP 14-0-0
4	38	F	Budget Process/Board of Education	No change recommended	This recommendation would permit the BOE to prioritize and direct the spending of capital funds.	C8-30-1 et seq. (Page 81)	APP 14-0-0
5	39	F	Budget Process/Board of Education	No change recommended	This recommendation would amend the timeline of the approval of the BOE budget to permit planning for September hiring needs.	C8-30-8 (Page 83)	APP 14-0-0
6	41	F	Budget Process	Recommends	Recommendation new provision eliminating BOF and BOR approval for additional appropriation requests in amounts of \$2,500 or less in the aggregate per annum per department.	C8-30-12 (Page 85)	APP 13-0-0; WITHDREW 12-0-0
7	45	F	Budget Process	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	Commission voted to recommend the Mayor have the ability to manage the budget (with respect to salary items) once approved by the elective boards.	C8-30-11 (Page 84)	APP 13-0-0; WITHDREW 12-0-0
8	46a	F	Budget Process	No change recommended	This recommendation would institute a two-year budget cycle. (The Charter currently mandates a one year operating budget and estimates for each of the two fiscal years thereafter.)	C8-30-1 (Page 81)	APP 14-0-0
9	49	F	Board of Finance	Recommends	This recommendation would amend Charter Sec. C6-20-7 and C6-20-9 relating to the powers of the BOF to specifically limit the powers of the Board of Finance to only matters relating to fiscal policy and financial matters.	C6-20-7(a) and 9 (Page 44)	APP 13-0-0
10	49	F	Board of Finance	Recommends	This recommendation would narrow the investigatory powers of the BOF to fiscal matters only, consistent with its fiscal responsibilities listed in C6-20-7 (Page 44). (The current Charter gives the BOF broad investigatory powers and appropriations to conduct investigations.)	C6-20-9 Page 44), C6-20-7	APP 13-0-0
11	50	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would reduce the number of BOF members needed for approval of additional/contingency appropriations from 2/3 vote to a majority.	C8-30-3 (Page 82)	APP 14-0-0
12	52	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would require BOF approval (in addition to BOR approval) on all collective bargaining agreements.	C6-20-7(d) (Page 44)	APP 14-0-0

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13	54		Audit Process	Recommends	This recommendation would extend the Annual Audit Report delivery deadline by the BOF to the Mayor's Office and the BOR by one month, until October 31).(Currently it is due by September 30th.)	C6-20-8 (Page 44)	APP 14-0-0
14	56	F	Board of Finance	Recommends	This recommendation would add a requirement that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the City's outside auditors be issued at least every five years.	C6-20-8 (Page 44)	APP 14-0-0
15	58	F	Board of Finance/Board of Representatives	No change recommended	This recommendation would mandate joint hearings of the BOF and BOR during the approval process of various routine financial matters.		APP 14-0-0
16	59	F	Board of Finance/Board of Representatives	Item tabled	This recommendation would define and segregate the functions of the BOR and the BOF in furtherance of limiting the responsibilities of the BOF to fiscal matters. (The Committee only agreed to the changes in recommendation 49 above.)	C6-20-1 (recommendation #49) (Page 43)	Withdrawn-13-0-0
18	60	F	Pension	Recommends	This recommendation would require that the Mayor serve as a Trustee on the board of trustees for every city pension plan. (Currently, the Mayor is required only on the CERF Board.)	C7-10-1 (Page 65)	Tabled 13-0-0
17		F	Pension	Recommends	This recommendation provides for designees for the Mayor, the Chair of the BOF and the President of the BOR and that the Chairperson of the CERF Pension Trust be elected by a majority vote of all Trustees (eliminating the requirement that the Mayor (or designee) automatically serve as Chair.	C7-30-3 (Page 71)	Tabled 13-0-0
19	61	F	Pension	Recommends	This recommendation will eliminate the provision that the Police and Fire trust funds are the beneficiaries of any abandoned, unclaimed, or stolen money in the recommendation of the police and fire departments and of any fines for forfeitures imposed on members of the police or fire department.	C7-10-8 (Page 67)	APP 14-0-0
20	62	F	Pension/CERF	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	This recommendation would eliminate most of the Pension section of the Charter as the provisions are overridden by CT State Statute and collective bargaining agreements.		Tabled 13-0-0
21	63	F	Pension	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	Eliminate all or part of pension provisions (e.g., disability requirements, pension benefits) and include solely in the trust agreements and/or plan documents	C7-10-1 et seq (Page 65)	
22	64	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation would establish an oversight board over the existing four pension boards.	C7-10-1 (Page 65)	APP 14-0-0

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23	65	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation would require all pension board members to have some level of pension training; or require that at least 1 member be a professional in the pension field.	C7-10-1 et seq (Page 65)	APP 11-3-0
24	66	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation would forfeit the pension benefits of an employee upon "termination for cause."	C7-10-1 et seq. (Page 65)	APP 14-0-0
25	67	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to terminate all OPEB benefits to the fullest extent permitted by law and to the extent not permitted, apply least costly plan provisions and highest participant contribution percentages.		APP 14-0-0
26	68		Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to amend pension plans so that costs do not exceed Charter-specified limits.	C7-10-1 et seq (Page 65)	APP 14-0-0
27	69	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to prohibit any employee benefit plan with long-term implications not authorized by the Charter	C7-10-1 et seq (Page 65)	APP 14-0-0
28	70	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation would require external, independent, operational audits of all pension plans retroactively to FY 2005 through FY 2012.		APP 14-0-0
29	71	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation would eliminate the Pay Plan (contained in Chapter 47 of the Code of Ordinances).		Tabled 13-0-0
30	92	F	Special Assessments	Item tabled	This recommendation seeks to consider ways to simplify procedures for special-assessments and takings. (The current Charter provisions are complex and do not align with state statutes.)	C8-60-1 – C8-60-17 Pages 88-92)	Withdraw 13-0-0
31	112a	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	Recommend no change. Confirm whether this provision is consistent with State law. (Relates to Classified Service rules re: discharge/reduction in rank.)	C5-20-10(9) (Page 25)	APP 13-0-0
32	112b	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	Recommend no change. Determine whether attorneys and teachers are classified or unclassified City employees. (Relates to Classified Service rules re: discharge/reduction in rank.)	C5-20-15 (Page 26)	APP 13-0-0
33	112c	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Recommends	This recommendation would expand anti-discrimination protection to all employees of the City of Stamford. Presently, the Charter makes reference only to Classified Employees.	C5-20-16 (Page 27)	APP 14-0-0
34	112d	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Recommends	This recommendation would amend Charter Sec. C5-20-16 by ensuring that all "protected classes" of employees recognized by State and Federal law are protected by the Charter. Except, "political opinion of affiliation" shall not be a protected class for employees who serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.	C5-20-16 (Page 27)	APP 14-0-0

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35			Bonding	Recommends	This recommendation revises the description of " Short-Term Capital Project" as a capital project with a useful life of seven (7) years or less under Federal tax guidelines; it also allows bonding for these Short Term Capital Projects up to 5 years.	C1-10-4 (Page 11)	APP 14-0-0
36			Bonding	Recommends	This recommendation is a technical/grammatical change and provides that the word "recommendations" be stricken and replaced with the words "such projects."	C8-20-6 (Page 80)	APP 14-0-0
37			Bonding	Recommends	The current Charter language provides that upon the request of the Mayor, the BOF may amend the capital projects budget subject to the approval of the BOR. Thus essentially, the action of the BOF is a "recommendation" to the BOR. This proposed change would clarify this process and make the language consistent.	C8-20-7 (Page 80)	APP 13-0-0; WITHDREW 12-0-0
39			Bonding	Recommends	C8-20-9 relies upon the current Charter language in C8-20-7 and provides that the approval process to increase the capital projects budget requires the approval of an amendment to the capital budget by both the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives. Consistent with the recommendation of clarification to C8-20-7, this recommendation would eliminate the requirement that the Board of Finance approve such an amendment.	C8-20-9 (Page 80)	APP 13-0-0; WITHDREW 13-0-0
40a			Bonding	Recommends	This recommendation would codify and clearly provide that the authorization for issuance of bonds lies with the Mayor and his administration. (Currently, the BOR is authorized to issue bonds and under State law may delegate this authority to the Mayor and his administration to facilitate the process. In fact such a delegation occurs.)	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 11-1-0
40b			Bonding		This recommendation would allow the Mayor and the Director of Administration to set the maximum interest rates for bond issuances. (The Charter currently provides for BOF approval.)	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 12-0-0
40c			Bonding		This recommendation would have the Mayor and the Director of Administration determine whether the City uses "Project Specific v. Cash low Bonding."(Current Charter language provides that the BOF determines the manner and amount in which bonds so authorized are issued.)	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	APP 14-0-0
40d			Bonding		This recommendation provides that short-term capital projects (as defined in the proposed revisions to section C1-10-4) shall be financed by bonds maturing not later than five years after issuance.	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	APP 14-0-0

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Vote No.	Charge No.	Com.	Subject	Committee Recommendation	Description	Charter Section	Vote
40e			Bonding		This recommendation transfers the authority to refund bonds from the BOF to the BOR in the manner proscribed in the Connecticut General Statutes. (Current Charter language provides this authority to the BOF.)	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	APP 14-0-0
40f					An alternate recommendation is that C8-50-1 remain the same but the following language is inserted after the third sentence ending with the word "time": "The Mayor and the Director of Administration shall determine the capital projects to be funded by the proceeds of the bonds so issued" [This is language suggested by Peter Privitera and has not been reviewed by Bond Counsel.	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	Withdraw 13-0-0
41			Bonding	Recommends	This recommendation transfers the power to issue, set the terms, rate of interest, form, manner of sale and other particulars of temporary Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) to the Mayor and the Director of Administration and extends the period from one year up to three years. (Current Charter language allows the BOF to issue temporary BANs for a period of up to one year.)	C8-50-2 (Page 87)	APP 14-0-0
42			Bonding	Recommends	This recommendation eliminates the requirement of a vote by the BOF regarding the issuance of bonds in case of public emergency. Current Charter language requires the approval of five members of the BOF and three fourths of the entire membership of the BOR (the BOR vote will still be required).	C8-50-3 (page 88)	APP 13-1-0; WITHDREW 12-0-0
43	112f	F	Condemnation & Disposition of Land	No change recommended	This recommendation asked whether this section (re: condemnation) be eliminated and replaced by an ordinance of the BOR.	C1-50-2 (Page 13)	APP 14-0-0
44	1	G	Board of Representatives	Recommends	This recommendation would change the requirement that the BOR's first meeting following each quadrennial election be held on the "first Monday in December" rather than "December 1st" to avoid weekend conflicts.	C3-10-11 (Page 21)	APP 14-0-0
45	2	G	Board of Representatives	Recommends	This recommendation would allow the BOR to hold its monthly meeting on another day within the same month by resolution. (This will avoid potential conflicts with federal and religious holidays as the Charter currently requires the BOR meet on the "first Monday of every month.")	C2-10-4 (Page 18)	APP 14-0-0
46	3	G	Board of Representatives	Recommends	This recommendation would amend the Charter's language to provide that at the end of a term of the BOR, items on the agenda are terminated and must be reintroduced by members of the incoming BOR.	C2-10-2 (Page 17)	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 12-0-0
47	4	G	Board of Representatives	Recommends	This recommendation would amend the Charter, Sec. C2-10-4, relating to meetings of the Board of Representatives to permit the Board to cancel one regular meeting during each successive twelve month period following its Organizational Meeting.	C2-10-4 (Page 18)	APP 14-0-0; WITHDREW 10-2-0

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48	5		political	No change recommended	This recommendation sought to limit party caucuses.		APP 14-0-0
49	6	G	Ordinance/Mayor/Bd of Reps	Recommends	This recommendation requires the Mayor return an ordinance within 10 business days after receipt from the BOR. (Current Charter language is ambiguous.)	C2-10-13 and C2-10-14 (Page 19)	APP 14-0-0
50	6a	G	Ordinance/Mayor/Bd of Reps	Recommends	This recommendation requires the Mayor to give written notification of being absent from the city for any period of 48 hours or more to the President and/or Clerk of the BOR and/or the Town Clerk. (The Charter currently does not have any similar provisions.)	C2-10-14 (Page 19)	APP 13-1-0
51	7 & 8	G	Ordinance/Mayor/Bd of Reps	Recommends	This recommendation would require the Clerk of the BOR to present an ordinance to the Mayor within 2 business days of BOR enactment; upon presentation to the Mayor, the Clerk should receive dated official acknowledgement of receipt; the Mayor has 10 business days to approve the ordinance and return it to the BOR and if not returned in that time frame, the ordinance becomes effective after another 10 business days have passed. (The current Charter language is ambiguous.)	C2-10-13 and C2-10-14 (Page 19)	APP 14-0-0
52	9	G	Boards and Commissions	Recommends	This recommendation would amend the Charter, Sec. C6-00-2, relating to Boards and Commissions to provide that the terms of office for members of the Police and Fire Commission shall coincide with the term of office of the Mayor.	C6-00-2;C6-00-4 (Pages 41-42)	APP 14-0-0 (5/2/12) and 13-0-0 (5/7/12)
53	10	G	Boards and Commissions	No change recommended	This recommendation set November 30 as the expiration date of terms of service regardless of month of formal appointment of members of boards and commissions. (Currently the Charter provides for termination of board and commission members.)	C6-00-4 (page 42)	APP 14-0-0
54	11	G	Boards and Commissions	Recommends	Recommend revising C6-00-4 (a) by adding to this section the following language: "or upon the passage of six months from the date of expiration, whichever shall first occur."	C6-00-4 (Page 42)	APP 13-0-0
55	11a	G	Boards and Commissions	No change recommended	This recommendation establishes a Human Resources clearing process for nominees to boards/commissions.	C6-00-3 (Page 41)	APP 14-0-0
56	12	G	City Directors/Director of Economic Development	Recommended	This recommendation would add a 5th member to the Mayor's Cabinet by elevating the Director of Economic Development to a cabinet position and leading a newly-created Office of Planning & Economic Development.	C5-10-1 (Page 22)	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 11-1-0

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57	13	G	City Directors/Director of Human Resources	No change recommended	This recommendation would elevate the Director of Human Resources to a cabinet position.	C5-10-1 (Page 22)	APP 14-0-0
58	14	G	City Directors/Interim or Acting	No change recommended	This recommendation would require BOR approval of any "acting" or "interim" directors. (Under current Charter language the BOR only approves interim directors after they have served for 120 days.)	C5-10-2 (Page 22)	APP 14-0-0
59	15	G	City Directors/Director of Public Safety Position	No change recommended	This recommendation would have imposed minimum qualifications on the position of the Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare.	C5-40-1 (Page 22)	App 13-1-0
60	16	G	City Directors/Director of Legal Affairs	No change recommended	This recommendation would have made the Director of Legal Affairs either a full time or contract position. (It is currently a part-time position in the Mayor's cabinet and serves at the pleasure of the Mayor.)	C5-20-1, et seq (Page 22)	APP 14-0-0
61	16a	G	City Directors/Director of Legal Affairs	Recommends	This recommendation would add: "or his/her designee" after the word "appear" to clarify that Corporation Counsel does not have to personally appear in all actions. (Current Charter language requires that the Director of Legal Affairs to personally appear at all actions.)	C5-20-3 (Page 23)	APP 14-0-0
62	17	G	City Directors/Director of Administration	No change recommended	This recommendation would require the Director of Administration to report to both the Mayor and the Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives. (Currently, this position is a member of the Mayor's Cabinet and serve at his/her pleasure.)	C-5-50-1, et seq (Page 35)	APP 14-0-0
63	18	G	City Directors/Director of Administration	No change recommended	This recommendation would delete the economic development function. See Vote # 56	C5-50-1 (Page 35)	
64	19	G	City Directors/Director of Administration	Recommends	This recommendation seeks to include Risk Management in the list of functions in C5-50-02B, and modernize language. See Vote # 1	C5-50-1 (Page 35)	
65	22	G	City Directors/Director of Operations/WPCA	Recommended change.	This recommendation would revise Sec. C5-30-2 (Public Works Functions) by specifying and designating that the Director of Operations shall aid and support the WPCA in carrying out those responsibilities in items 5,9,10,11,12 and 18. This revision should partially remedy the conflict of responsibilities between the Office of Operations and the statutory intent for the WPCA as an independent entity and allows the BOR to designate organization and management by ordinance.	C5-30-2 (Page 28)	APP 13-0-0

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66	23	G	City Directors/Director of Operations/WPCA	Recommended	This recommendation would establish a new and separate Charter section recognizing the WPCA as an entity that exists by state statute and organized and managed by city ordinance. The WPCA shall, along with the aid and support of the Director of Operations, carry out its responsibilities.	C5-30-2 (Page 28)	APP 13-0-0
67	25	G	Commissions/Boards (possible elimination or merge)	Recommends	This recommendation will eliminate the Water Pollution Control Commission as it has been superseded by the Water Pollution Control Authority. (In accordance with the recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on Governance.)	C6-160-1 (Page 63)	APP 14-0-0
67A	25a	G	Commissions/Boards (possible elimination or merge)	Recommends	Eliminate provision re: elimination by Superseding Ordinance as WPCG no longer exists. See Vote #67	C6-160-6 (Page 63)	
68	26	G	Commissions/Boards (possible elimination or merge)	Recommends	This recommendation eliminates the Personnel Appeals Board and transfers its duties to the Personnel Commission. (In accordance with the recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on Governance.)	C6-150-1-, C6-150-2 (Page 63)	APP 14-0-0
69	27	G	Commissions/Boards (possible elimination or merge)	No change recommended	This recommendation would eliminate the Municipal Building Board of Appeals. (In accordance with the recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on Governance.) [SEE LEGAL OPINION]	C6-70-2 (Page 57)	APP 14-0-0
70	28	G	Election	Recommends	This recommendation would limit the service to one elected municipal position. (Currently there is no restriction on serving on multiple elected boards.)	C1-80 (Page 15)	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED excluding constables 12-0-0
71	29	G	Election	Recommends	This recommendation would change the term of constables from two to four years.	C1-70-3 (Page 14)	APP 14-0-0
72	32	G	Election	Recommends; refers to full Commission	The Commission voted not to make a recommendation to impose term limits for elected officials.	C1-70-3 (page 14)	APP 13-0-0
73	33	G	Election	Recommends	This recommendation would impose limits of two terms (either consecutive or separate) on the Office of Mayor.	C1-70-3 (Page 14)	FAILED 7-7-0
74	34	G	Election	No consensus; refer to full commission	Recommend reducing the size of the BOR to the election of one representative per current district commencing with the election of 2013.	C1-80-1 (Page 15)	APP 8-5-0; AFFIRMED 10-2-1
75	35	G	Election	No change recommended	This recommendation would stagger the terms of BOR.	C1-70-3 (Page 14)	APP 14-0-0

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76	35a	G	Election	No change recommended	This recommendation would reduce the term of office for members of BOR to 2 years beginning in 2013.	C1-70-3 (Page 14)	APP 14-0-0
77	35b	G	Election	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	This recommendation would replace the word 'meeting' with 'election' .	C1-70-1 (Page 14)	APP 13-0-0
78	59a	G	Board of Finance/Board of Representatives	No change recommended	This recommendation would create an independent investigative authority	C2-10-1(12) (Page 17) & C6-20-9 (Page 44)	APP 14-0-0
79	82	G	Charter Review	Recommends	This recommendation would amend the Charter Sec. C1-40-5 relating to the timing of Charter Review to include the following language: "To the extent permissible under applicable state law, the Board of Representatives shall endeavor to schedule the referendum on any proposed charter amendments or revisions to coincide with a general election at which either the Mayor, state officials or federal officials are to be elected."	C1-40-5 (Page 13)	APP 13-0-0
80	84	G	Counsel/Board of Reps	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to expand the ability of the BOR to retain counsel.	C2-10-2 (Page 17), C5-20-3 (Page 23)	APP 14-0-0
81	86	G	Appointments	No change recommended	This recommendation would require appointments of Special Assistants by the Mayor be approved by the Board of Representatives	C3-10-2 (Page 20)	
82	87	G	City Departments	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to determine whether the Human Resources Department should remain under the Legal Department	C5-20-7 (Page 24)	APP 14-0-0
83	88	G	City Departments	Recommended	This recommendation would place the Land Use offices under a new Office of Planning & Economic Development under the supervision of a newly-created cabinet position, Director of Planning and Economic Development. (See Votes #56 & 86.)	C5-30-1, et seq (Page 28)	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 11-1-0
84	89	G	City departments	No change recommended	This recommendation was to separate Parks & Recreation.	C5-30-5 Page 30)	APP 14-0-0
85	90	G	City Departments	Recommends	This recommendation would add a #9 to the list of responsibilities in C5-30-5: "The maintenance and operation of the Terry Conners Rink will be under the jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Commission." (The current Charter language does not address Terry Conners Ice Skating Rink.)	C5-30-5 (Page 30)	APP 14-0-0

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86	91	G	City Departments	Recommended	This recommendation would create an Office of Planning and Economic Development, headed by a new cabinet level position, the Director of Planning & Economic Development, who shall be responsible for the administration, supervision and performance of all administrative municipal functions related to Land Use and Economic Development including but not limited to planning, zoning, zoning appeal and enforcement, environmental protection, economic developments, community development and traffic planning. The Building Department remains under the Office of Operations.	C5-10-1; C5-30-1	APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 11-1-0
87	96	G	Contracts/Bd of Reps vs. Mayor	No change recommended	This recommendation would provide procedures to address situations where the BOR approves a contract but the Mayor fails to execute the contract. (Currently only the Mayor can execute deeds and contracts for the City.)	C3-10-12 (Page 21)	APP 14-0-0
88	101	G	Chief Building Official	Recommends	This recommendation would add "Notwithstanding any provision hereinafter to the contrary, the Building Officer reports directly to the Director of Operations." (The current Charter does not state to whom the Building Officer reports.)	C5-30-6 (Page 30)	APP 14-0-0
89	102	G	Legal Representation	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to clarify the scope of legal representation for elected and appointed officials. (The current Charter states Corporation Counsel is the legal officer for the City and its officials.)	C5-20-3 (Page 23)	APP 14-0-0
90	103	G	Legal Representation	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks new language in cases of conflict of interest (two or more parties) to provide a mechanism for legal representation for each party. (The current Charter does not contain any provisions for this.)	C5-20-4 (Page 24)	APP 14-0-0
91	104	G	Corp Counsel	No change recommended	This recommendation would require the selection of a Director of Legal Affairs by a formal Request for Proposal. (Currently the Director of Legal Affairs is nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Representatives.)	C5-20-3 (Page 23)	APP 14-0-0
92	105	G	Environmental Protection Function	Recommends	This recommendation would amend Charter Sec. C5-40-1 concerning the duties of the Director of Public Health and Safety of Welfare to include the following language: and, unless otherwise provided by state or federal law, shall be responsible for the oversight of all municipal functions related to the abatement and management of environmental contamination...	C5-40-1 et seq (Page 31).; and C5-30-8 (Page 31)	APP 14-0-0
93	106	G	Environmental Protection Function	No change recommended	This recommendation requested a review of a reserved (empty) section, entitled "Environmental Protection Function."	C5-30-8 (Page 31)	APP 14-0-0

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94	107	G	Planning Board	No change recommended	This recommendation would require the Planning Board membership to have at least one member who is qualified in financial planning and capital debt management and at least one member who is qualified in sustainable urban planning. (The current Charter language does not address qualifications for membership on the Planning Board.)	C6-00-2 (Page 41) or C6-30-1 et seq (Page 45)	APP 14-0-0
95	112h	G	Mayor's authority	Recommends	This recommendation would remove this section (re: hindering the Mayor) and request the BOR to address it by ordinance.	C3-10-14 (Page 21)	APP 14-0-0
96	113	G	Annual Report	Recommends	This recommendation would extend by one month the deadline for each entity named (e.g., City Agency, Department, Commission, etc.) to file its Annual Report for the preceding fiscal year.	C3-10-13 (Page 21)	APP 14-0-0
97	114	G	Easements	Recommends	This recommendation requires BOR approval prior to the City entering into an agreement for an easement. (The Charter currently provides that the BOR approves the sale of property.)	C2-10-2(10) (Page 17)	APP 14-0-0; WITHDREW 13-0-0
98	117	G	Transportation	No change recommended	This recommendation requested a review of the Transportation Section of Charter (without specification).	C5-30-4 (Page 29)	APP 14-0-0
99	117a	G	Removal of Elective Officers	No change recommended	This recommendation requested a clarification as to who would prosecute an impeachment proceeding.	C1-90-1 (Page 16)	APP 14-0-0
99a					This recommendation is that the Charter provision relating to Removal or Impeachment of Elected Offices be amended to remove the term "Impeachment" from the section and to add procedural requirements to comply with State and Federal due process rights.	C1-90-1 (Page 16)	APP 13-0-0
100	119	G	Creation of a historic Preservation Commission	Recommend	This recommendation would establish an Historic Preservation Advisory Commission which would serve in an advisory role only to all land use boards. The composition, membership and method of appointment of the Commission will lie with an ordinance to be enacted by the BOR. (Currently there are no Charter provisions for an Historical Preservation Commission.)	C6-00-1 et seq. (Page 40)	APP 11-2-1
108	24	PH	City Directors/Director of Health	Recommends	This recommendation would add a new subparagraph: "The Health Director will seek the counsel of the Health Commission to establish and review all matters of health policy for the City, and the Health Director shall keep the Health Commission advised on matters pertaining to health policy of the City." (Current Charter language is ambiguous as to relationship between Health Commission and Health Director.)	C5-40-4 (a) (Page 34)	APP 14-0-0
109		PH	Creation of a Board of Ethics	Recommended	This recommendation will establish a Board of Ethics in the Charter. (The current Charter does not have a Board of Ethics.)	C6-00-1 et seq. (Page 40)	APP 14-0-0

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109a		PH	Code of Ethics	Recommends	This recommendation would mandate that the BOR adopt a Code of Ethics (which could be the one already established).		APP 14-0-0
110		PH	Limitation of membership of Board of Ethics	Recommends	This recommendation would require the Charter follow CGS 1-80 (but only for 2 years). 1) "All members shall be electors of the City of Stamford and not an employee of the City of Stamford; 2) no member of the Board [of Ethics] shall (a) hold or campaign for any public office; (b) have held a public office or have been a candidate for public office for a 2-year period prior to appointment; and (c) hold office in any political party or political committee or be a member of any organization or association organized primarily for the purpose of influencing legislation or decisions of public agencies."		APP 14-0-0; AFFIRMED 12-1-0
110a		PH	Subpoena power for Board of Ethics	Recommended	This recommendation would provide the Board of Ethics with subpoena power. (Legal counsel advised this is already provided by state statute.)		Withdraw 13-0-0
110b		PH	Legal Advisor to Board of Ethics	Recommended	This recommendation provides that the Office of Legal Affairs shall serve as legal counsel to the Board of Ethics unless a conflict of interest arises wherein the Director for Legal Affairs shall retain outside counsel for the Board of Ethics.		APP 14-0-0
110c		PH	Powers of Board of Ethics	Recommended	This recommendation provides that the powers of the Board of Ethics are limited to investigate and adjudicate violations of the Code of Ethics brought to its attention.		APP 14-0-0
111	30	PH	Election/Board of Education	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	Commission recommended no change. This recommendation would make the BOE elections non-partisan.	C1-80-5 (Page 16)	APP 12-1-0
112	31	PH	Election/Board of Education	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	Commission recommended no change. This recommendation would amend the BOE election process to ensure that candidates who receive the most votes are seated on the BOE.	C1-80-5 (Page 16)	APP 13-0-0
113	72	PH	Fire Service	No change recommended	This recommendation would eliminate or change the provisions for fire service districts and boundaries as set forth in C5-40-3(d). (The Charter currently provides that the fire districts are established by a certain map on file with the City Clerk and that it can be amended by vote of the BOR.)	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	APP 10-2-1
114	73	PH	Fire Service	No change recommended	This recommendation would change the jurisdiction of the Stamford Fire and Rescue Company (career firefighters), overlay the current volunteer districts and create a citywide volunteer fire fighter district (formerly said "policy").	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	APP 12-0-1

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115	74	PH	Fire Service	Recommends	This recommendation would create a single fire department with a single chief with jurisdiction over all fire services training, standard operating procedures, assignments of personnel and allocation of other resources citywide. A combined fire fighting service would be created to be known as the "Stamford Fire Department" with a single Chief, two paid Assistant Chiefs (one for Career Services and the other for Volunteer Services). The Chief would be appointed by the Mayor; the Assistant Chief for Career Services would be appointed by the Chief from the ranks of the career services and the Assistant Chief for Volunteer Services would be appointed by the Chief from a pool of three nominated by a majority vote of the Chiefs of the volunteer fire companies . (The Charter currently establishes a separate fire department for career firefighters (The Stamford Fire and Rescue Department) and the five (5) volunteer fire companies. (Long Ridge, Turn of River, Glenbrook, Springdale and Belltown). This recommendation would grant (subject to the supervision and direction of the Chief) the chiefs of the volunteer companies primary firefighting responsibilities in their fire districts and primary responsibility over the personnel and equipment assigned to their fire districts.	C5-40-3 (d) (Page 34)	APP 13-0-1
116	75	PH	Fire Service	Recommends	This recommendation would also include a statement that the volunteers remain an important component of the Stamford Fire Department and that recruitment of volunteers and strengthening of the volunteer force be a priority, under the supervision of the Chief and Assistant Chief for Volunteer Services.	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	APP 11-0-2
116a			Fire Service		Commission recommends that the word "status" be deleted in the re-write of this section: Jurisdiction. ... Nothing in this Charter shall be construed to affect the organization, status or property of the Volunteer Departments of Stamford.	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	APP 12-0-1; AFFIRMED with qualifying language 11- 1-1
116b			Fire Service		Recommend the requirement for a 2/3 vote of the BOR to change a fire district to a simple majority	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	APP 8-5-1; AFFIRMED 9-3-1
117	97	PH	Board of Education	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks clarification of the role of the BOR approval requirements for Board of Education labor contracts. (There is a proscribed process for the approval of all labor contracts within the City of Stamford.)	C2-10-2(9) (Page 17)	APP 14-0-0

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118a	98	PH	Board of Education	Recommends	This recommendation would allow the Mayor to appoint a designated Special Assistant to serve as a designee on Board of Education with all of the powers and rights of the non-voting Mayor in the Mayor's absence. (The Mayor personally serves as a non-voting member of the Board of Ed.)	C1-80-1 (Page 15)	FAILED 5-9-0
118b	98	PH	Board of Education	No change recommended	This recommendation would provide the Mayor (or his/her designee) with voting rights on the Board of Education.	C1-80-1 (Page 15)	APP 12-2-0
119	99	PH	Board of Education	No change recommended	This recommendation would allow for possible future consolidation of City and Board of Education finance, purchasing and HR functions.	C6-10-1 (Page 43)	APP 14-0-0
120	100	PH	Board of Education	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to have the Board of Education Finance Director "functionally responsible" to City's Director of Administration or Controller.	C6-10-1 (Page 43)	APP 14-0-0
121	108	PH	Health Commission	Recommends	This recommendation would change the Health Commission's duties by amending of C6-100-2 by eliminating subparagraph (1), "[The Health Commission shall] [d]etermine the health policies for the City" and amend subparagraph (2) by deleting "[The Health Commission shall] "make recommendations" with "[The Health Commission shall]serve as an advisory body to the Director of Health regarding health policy issues for the City."	C6-100-2 (Page 58)	APP 14-0-0
122	109	PH	Health Commission	No change recommended	This recommendation sought to involve the Health Commission more actively in the appointment process of a Director of Health.	C5-40-4 {c} (Page 34)	APP 13-0-1
123	110	PH	Health Commission	No change recommended	This recommendation sought to expand the authority of the Health Commission.	C6-100 (Page 59)	APP 14-0-0
124	111	PH	Health Commission	No change recommended	This request sought to expand the Health Commission authority.	C6-100 (Page 59)	
125	112	PH	Health Commission	No change recommended	This recommendation would mandate funding for the Health Commission.	C6-100 (Page 59)	APP 14-0-0
128		PH	Fire Service	Recommends	This recommendation would create a single office of Fire Marshal for the City of Stamford with a single Fire Marshal and his deputies for the entire City.	C5-40-3 {c} (Page 33)	APP 14-0-0
129		PH	Fire Service	Recommends	This recommendation would revise the role of the Fire Commission by revising the structure and role of Fire Commission. Consistent with the other recommendations establishing a combined fire firefighting service to be known as The Stamford Fire Department, that this Commission's role and duties apply to the entire Stamford Fire Department; also to amend C6-90-1(1) to read: (1) Except for the appointment or removal of the Fire and Rescue Chief ... the Commission shall have the sole power of appointment and promotion of sworn career members ...".	C6-90-1 and C6-90-3 (Pages 58 & 59)	APP 12-0-1

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130		PH	Superseding Ordinance Language	Recommends	This recommendation would eliminate the authority of the BOR to vote a Commission out of existence. (This authority is found in several charter sections.)	C6-100-3; C6-120-4; C6-130-3; C6-140-10; C6-160-6 (Pages 59, 60, 61, 62, & 64)	APP 13-0-0; AFFIRMED 11-1-0
131	44	Tech	Budget Process	Recommends	Recommend using the word "department" in place of the word "office" with regard to the transfer of certain non-salary budgeted funds within an office, department, etc.	C8-30-11 (Page 84)	APP 13-0-0; WITHDREW 13-0-0
132	93	Tech	Special Assessments	No change recommended	Recommend relocating this provision to a different section. (The Charter currently includes street discontinuances within the section of powers of the BOR.)	C8-60-1 - C8-60-17 (Pages 88-92)	Withdraw 13-0-0
133	94	F	Special Assessments	Recommends	This recommendation is to amend the Charter provisions relating to Special Assessments so that it complies with State Statutes.	C8-60-10 (Page 91)	APP 13-0-0
134	95	F	Special Assessments	Tabled and referred to legal counsel	This recommendation is to amend the Charter provisions relating to Special Assessments so that it complies with State Statutes.	C8-60-9 (Page 90)	APP 13-0-0
135	112a	F	Classified and Unclassified Service	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to determine whether the current language in the Charter providing a certain procedure be followed when an employee is discharged or reduced in rank is consistent with state and federal law.	C5-20-10(9) (Page 25)	APP 13-0-0
136	112e	F	Condemnation and disposition of land	Tabled refer to counsel	This recommendation is to amend the Charter provisions relating to Condemnation Proceedings so that it complies with State Statutes.	C1-50-2 (Page13)	APP 13-0-0
137	112g	G	Authority of the Mayor	Referred to legal counsel	Recommend deleting this section, which allows the Mayor to take acknowledgement of signature on deeds and other instruments, as it is inconsistent with State law.	C3-10-8 (Page 21)	APP 13-0-0
138	117b	PH	Ordinance	Recommended	Recommend amending public notification language to read: "Official Notice will be posted on the city website and notification given to at least one local news media, including, but not limited to, print, electronic and broadcast media."	C1-10-4; C2-10-16 (Pages 11 & 20)	APP 10-0-0
139	117c	PH	Official Undertaking	Recommends	Recommends adding the word "a" in between the words "in and "form" for clarity (grammatical correction).	C5-20-18 (Page 27)	APP 13-0-0
140		G	Citizen's Bill of Rights	Recommended	This recommendation adds language as a Preamble to the Charter which would give citizens certain rights and access to city government and to participate in city government. (The current Charter is devoid of any language to provide citizens certain rights.)	Preamble	App 12-1-0

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141a		G	Citizen's Bill of Rights - Ombudsman	No consensus reached; refer to Commission	This recommendation seeks to include the Citizens Service Bureau in the Charter.		APP 13-0-0; AFFIRMED 11-2-0
141b			Citizen's Bill of Rights - Ombudsman		This recommendation seeks to have the Customer Service Director assume the role of Ombudsman.		FAILED 5-8-0
141c			Citizen's Bill of Rights - Ombudsman		This recommendation seeks to have the Ombudsman/Citizens Service Director report to the Mayor's Office.		FAILED 2-11-0
142	7	G	Ordinance/Mayor/Board of Representatives	Recommended	This is a technical recommendation relating to the calculations of time throughout the Charter. The recommendation is that wherever the Charter specifies action or a timeline tied to a specific number of days, that any such timeframe which is less than ten (10) days be exclusive of weekends and holidays.	C1-10-4 (definitions)	APP 13-0-0
143	8	G	Ordinance/Mayor/Board of Representatives	Recommended	This recommendation proposes that the time frame be "2 business days". The Charter is currently unclear as to the number of days the Board of Representatives has to present an ordinance to the Mayor.	G2-10-13 and G2-10-14 (Page 19)	
144	21	G	City Directors et al	No change recommended	This recommendation would require that the Controller report directly to the Director of Administration. (The Charter is currently non-specific as to whom the controller reports.)	C5-50-1 et seq	APP 13-0-0
145	40	F	Budget Process	No change recommended	This recommendation would allow the BOF and/or the BOR to modify and increase the budget by allowing either Board to increase the budget or to transfer appropriations from one line item of program area to another.	C8-30-1 et seq. (Page 81)	APP 13-0-0
146	42	F	Budget Process	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks clarification as to whether the Planning Board needs to hold a public hearing on department estimates for the Capital Projects program and who is responsible for calling the hearing.	C8-20-1 et seq	APP 13-0-0
147	43	F	Budget Process	No change recommended	This recommendation would give the Mayor the authority to reduce the Board of Education's annual operating budget.	C8-30-1 et seq. (Page 81)	APP 13-0-0
148	46	F	Bonds	No change recommended	This recommendation would require all bond resolutions to be accompanied by a legal opinion that the offering is in compliance with Charter and other governing law and a list showing how the proceeds will be spent by project.	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	APP 13-0-0
149	47	F	Bonds	No change recommended	This recommendation would permit bond proceeds to finance short term assets. [See Vote #35]	G8-50-1 (Page 87)	Withdrawn 13-0-0

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150	48	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would eliminate the BOF and transferring its responsibilities to the Fiscal Committee of the BOR.	C6-20-1 (recommendation #49) (Page 43)	APP 13-0-0
151	51	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would increase the number of elected members of the BOF.	C8-30-3 (Page 82)	APP 13-0-0
152	53	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would expand the BOF's investigatory powers.	C6-20-9 Page 44)	APP 13-0-0
153	55	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would require the Internal Audit Department to report directly to the BOF, with at least two qualified staff members, to provide assistance to elective boards and administration and conduct performance and compliance audits.	C6-20-9 Page 44)	APP 13-0-0
154	57	F	Board of Finance and Board of Representatives	No change recommended	This recommendation would combine all or certain fiduciary and fiscal oversight responsibilities into either the BOF or the BOR Fiscal Committee.	C6-20-1 (recommendation #49) (Page 43)	APP 13-0-0
155	76	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation would add a provision to the Charter requiring recusal of an elected or appointed official on any Board or Commission from voting on items relating to the Ethics Board, including appropriations, in the event of an ongoing ethics investigation or charge concerning the official and precluding the official from voting on an issue if there is a conflict of interest. [Recommended that this matter be handled by the legislative body.]		APP 13-0-0
156	77	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation would mandate funding for the Board of Ethics. [Recommended that this matter be handled by the legislative body.]	C2-10-1 (Page 17)	APP 13-0-0
157	78	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks a Charter provision mandating that certain provisions be included in the Code of Ethics. [Recommended that this matter be handled by the legislative body.]		APP 13-0-0
158	79	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation provides that willful violation of the Open Records provisions would be a violation of the Code of Ethics and heard on an expedited basis. [Recommended that this matter be handled by the legislative body.]		APP 13-0-0
159	80	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation would establish "whistleblowing" procedures and a hotline. [Recommended that this matter be handled by the legislative body.]		APP 13-0-0
160	81	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks a Charter provision prohibiting all gifts and contributions from contractors two years before a contract and two years after the termination of a contract. [Recommended that this matter be handled by the legislative body.]		APP 13-0-0

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161	83	G	Charter Review	No change recommended	This recommendation would modify the Charter to require a mandatory review every five years instead of the current ten year requirement.	C1-40-5 (Page 13)	APP 13-0-0
162	85	G	Counsel/Board of Reps	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks a Charter provision in which all Boards and Commissions would be empowered to retain legal counsel.	C5-20-1 (Page 23)	APP 13-0-0
163	115	G	Elective Boards	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks to have a Charter provision in which the BOF and the BOE would be prohibited from discussing items in caucus.		APP 13-0-0
164	116	G	Air Quality	No change recommended	This recommendation would establish a department within city government focusing on air quality issues.		APP 13-0-0
165	118	G	Technical Amendments	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks non-specific technical changes.		Withdrawn- APP 13-0-0