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MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

4th Floor, Government Center

888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Co-Chair Sandak called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Co-chair Sandak and Commissioners Fedeli, Gwozdziowski, Grebey, Jachimczyk, Lucas, McManus, Nabel, Okun, Robins, Roseman, Sandak, Sessa, Sherer and Williams. Co-Chair Freccia attended by phone. Also present were BOR member John Mallozzi and Paul Newman, Stamford Fire & Rescue.

Introduction of new member. Co-Chair Sandak introduced George Sessa, the new member of the Commission, who is replacing Mr. Kriftcher.

Announcement of public hearing. Co-Chair Sandak announced that a public comment session will be held next Tuesday, January 10th, in the cafeteria, to solicit input from the public on Stamford's fire services.

Committee Reports.

1. Communications Committee

Mr. Grebey distributed a copy of a press release that will be going out to all media outlets tomorrow (see [attached](#)) regarding the public hearing and the Commission's desire for public input on fire services.

2. Financial Committee

Commissioner Sherer read off the list of items that the Committee voted NOT to consider. He stated that consideration was given to whether the charge item was too radical, too political or was in effect re-inventing the wheel. They also opted not to take up charge items that they felt were not appropriate for the charter; i.e., they were attempting to micro-manage the City. The following items were deleted from the Master Charge list by unanimous voice vote: 40, 42, 46, 47, 48 (see below), 51, 53, 55, 57, 64, 68 and 71.

While the Committee recommended to delete Item No. 48, a motion was made by Mr. Grebey to table the item. The motion was seconded and **failed** by a vote of 4-10 (Commissioners Jachimczyk, Fedeli, Roseman and Grebey in favor; Commissioners Gwozdziowski, Lucas, McManus, Nabel, Okun, Robins, Sandak, Sessa, Sherer and Williams opposed).

A motion to delete Item No. 48 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-4 (Commissioners Gwozdziowski, Lucas, McManus, Nabel, Okun, Robins, Sandak, Sessa, Sherer and Williams in favor; Commissioners Jachimczyk, Fedeli, Roseman and Grebey opposed).

Commissioner Sherer then listed the items that the Committee felt are technical review items that should be referred back to the entire Commission. A motion to refer Charge Item Nos. 44, 54, 93, 94, 95, 112a, 112e and 112g back to the Commission was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Sherer stated the Committee did not find any items that should be taken up jointly.

3. Governmental Committee

Commissioner Nabel stated that Charge Item No. 20 was recommended to be taken up by a joint committee (the Financial Committee).

Commissioner Nabel moved to remove the following Charge items from the list: No. 5, 11a, 83, 85, 89, 104, 115 and 116. Motions were made, seconded and approved unanimously on each item.

Commissioner Nabel moved to remove Item No. 35a from the list; said motion was seconded and FAILED by a vote of 13-1 (Commissioner Jachimczyk opposing; Commissioner Freccia not voting).

4. Public Safety & Health/Education/Ethics Committee

Commissioner Sandak moved to delete Item Nos. 76 through 81 from the charge; said motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Sandak moved to add an additional charge at the end, No. 119, that reads: "inclusion of language requiring a Code of Ethics for the City of Stamford and the appropriate enforcement mechanisms." Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Sandak moved to add an additional charge, No. 1120 that will become a technical issue for the entire Commission that reads: consideration of the superseding power of the BOR over many commissions in the charter." Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sandak moved that Item Nos. 117b and 117c be referred to the entire Commission as technical items. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of minutes of 12/08/11 Commission Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the 12/8/11 Commission meeting was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Co-Chair Sandak stated that five new charts will be generated: a master chart, a chart for each of the three committees, and a chart that lists all of the technical items.

5. Scheduling of Next Meeting

Next Regular Full Commission Meeting. The next full commission meeting will be held on February 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Sandak reported that 7 Responses to the RFP for legal services were received. A committee consisting of Co-Chairs Sandak and Freccia, BOR Charter Committee Co-chairs Fedeli and Mallozzi and Beverly Aveni of the Purchasing Department is in the process of reviewing the responses.

BOR Co-chair of the Charter Committee John Mallozzi stated that he was very impressed with the Commission's work to date.

6. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jay Sandak, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

