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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

6:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

### Call Meeting to Order

Co-Chair Sandak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were all Commissioners except David Lucas. Commissioner McManus participated by telephone for the first 30 minutes of the meeting. Also present was Steven Fogarty, counsel to the Commission. Co-Chair Sandak thanked Commissioner Grebey for his considerable assistance in putting together the Committee Recommendation Grid that will be used tonight.

### Public Comment

No members of the public requested to speak.

### Approval of Minutes of meetings

The minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting were not available yet.

### Review Ballot and consider items on Ballot for vote

The Commission began voting on items in the order they appear on the attached document entitled, "17<sup>th</sup> Charter Revision Committee Recommendations." Discussion was held on some of the items, and a summary of these discussions is enumerated below, identified by vote number.

**Vote No. 5** – Mr. Sherer stated that the Board of Education (BOE) is aware of its needs and can begin hiring in advance of receiving its final budget number.

**Vote No. 6** – The Commission was unclear as to the intent of this item. Chair Sandak asked that Mr. Sherer provide additional information, and the item was not voted on.

**Vote No. 7** – Mr. Fogarty stated that it is clearly permissible for the Charter to provide the Mayor with this ability. Mr. Sandak stated that since no discussion has been held on this item, no vote will be taken tonight.

**Vote No. 9** – Mr. Sandak stated that this is a concept, and if approved, it will be left up to counsel to draft specific language. The intent of this item is to limit the Board of Finance to financial matters.

During discussion on this matter, it was noted that counsel will have to go through the entire charter to see that the intent of this concept is included wherever the BOF is mentioned. Some members felt that the term “financial” would encompass just about everything.

**Vote No. 10** – The current language of the Charter allows the BOF to investigate anything, and the intent here is similar to No. 9 above; i.e., to narrow the BOF’s role to financial matters.

**Vote No. 17** – Chair Sandak stated that this charge needs to be narrowed and stated that it would not be voted upon tonight.

**Vote No. 20** – Mr. Sherer stated that the Committee recommended deleting a large section of the Pension section (basically everything other than the trustees who serve on the pension boards. All of the other provisions are governed by CT State Statute and/or are negotiated through collective bargaining, both of which override any charter provisions. Chair Sandak asked Mr. Sherer to provide a listing of the sections his Committee is proposing to delete, and the item was not voted on. Mr. Sandak also asked counsel to review the list of sections proposed for deletion.

**Vote No. 21** – This item was not voted on as it is the same issue as No. 20 above.

**Vote No. 22** – This item was approved by a vote of 11-3-0 with Messrs. Sessa, Roseman and Williams in opposition.

**Vote No. 23** – Mr. Sherer stated the Committee voted not to include requirements for training or background for pension trustees. Mr. Sherer stated that when members of the pension boards appeared before his Committee, they all insisted that they go to many workshops and receive a significant amount of training through their service. Ms. McManus added that the pension boards do not do the investing – they oversee the professionals that investment the funds. Further, because the boards meet during the day, it may be difficult to get volunteers with investment experience to serve. Mr. Sessa stated that a new trend is increasingly requiring minimum training levels for pension board members.

**Vote No. 24** – Mr. Sherer stated that State Statute provides that the Attorney General is responsible for terminating pensions for employees terminated by cause.

**Vote No. 29** – Co-Chair Sandak asked that more specifics be included in the Description. The item was not voted on.

**Vote No. 30** – Co-Chair Sandak asked counsel to review the special assessments and takings and recommend language that aligns with State Statute. The item was not voted on.

**Vote No. 31** – Co-Chair Sandak asked for further clarification of this item from the Commission’s attorney; the item was not voted on.

**Vote No. 32** – Co-Chair Sandak asked for further clarification of this item from the Commission’s attorney; the item was not voted on.

**Vote No. 33** – Mr. Sherer asked to change the Committee action to “Recommends” and reworded the Description (as it now appears in the chart).

**Vote No. 34** – Mr. Sherer asked to change the Committee action to “Recommends,” and change the rewording to read: This charge would incorporate all protected classes by eliminating the listing of protected classes and referencing State and Federal Law.

**Vote No. 35** – Mr. Sherer stated this Charge 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.

**Vote No. 37** – Co-Chair Sandak asked Mr. Sherer to provide new language for the Description; the item was not voted on. Mr. Sherer noted that the language says the BOF *may* change the capital budget – all the BOF can do is recommend. Bond Counsel is recommending only the BOR have final approval upon recommendation of the BOF.

**Vote No. 39** - Co-Chair Sandak asked Mr. Sherer to provide new language for the Description; the item was not voted on.

**Vote No. 40** – Co-Chair Sandak split this Item into 5 separate items.

**Vote No. 41** – This item was approved by a vote of 13-1-0 (Co-Chair Sandak opposed).

**Vote No. 50** – This item was approved by a vote of 13-1-0 (Commissioner Grebey opposed).

**Vote No. 52** – Co-Chair Freccia stated that historically, the Police & Fire Commission members' terms ran concurrent with the Mayor's. After discussion, the Commission members asked that counsel provide language to the effect that these members serve “at the pleasure of the Mayor” to provide for functioning commissions during a new mayor's first few months.

**Vote No. 54** – The Commission briefly discussed but did not take up Vote No. 54.

**Vote No. 59** – This item was approved by a vote of 13-1-0 (Commissioner Sessa opposed).

**Vote Nos. 65 and 66** – This item is to clear up the confusion with the status of the WPCA (autonomous or affiliated with the City). The recommendation is to revise C5-30-2 by 1) designating that the City will aid and support the WPCA in the carrying out of its responsibilities; and 2) establish that it is an entity that exists by State Statute and is managed by ordinance and will work with the Director of Operations. Susan Nabel agreed to provide better language for this, and it was not voted on.

**Vote No. 69** – A legal opinion received by the Commission states that the Municipal Building Board of Appeals cannot be abolished.

**Vote No. 73** – Mr. Fedeli stated that the discussion behind this recommendation (i.e., institute term limits for the Mayor) revolved around the power of incumbency. Mr. Nabel reported that there are no term limits anywhere in the State of Connecticut, and CCM's position is that the voters will not vote in incumbents if they are not satisfied with performance. Mr. Williams stated that while he started out supportive, after learning that there are no term limits in the State, he is now opposed to this charge.

Co-Chair Sandak stated that the voters can determine who the Mayor should be, and in Stamford, if voters are unhappy with the Mayor, they will vote out the Mayor. He is opposed to an arbitrary disqualification for no reason other than time.

Co-Chair Freccia stated that with a strong incumbent, candidates won't challenge them, can't raise funds, etc. Further, change is good.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the item FAILED by a tie vote of 7-7 (Commissioners Freccia, Fedeli, McManus, Roseman, Nabel, Williams and Robins in favor; Commissioners Jachimczyk, Sessa, Sherer, Sandak, Okun, Grebey and Gwozdzowski opposed).

Mr. Jachimczyk, as someone who voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the vote. Said motion was seconded and PASSED by a vote of 8-6-0 (Commissioners Freccia, Fedeli, Jachimczyk, McManus, Roseman, Nabel, Williams and Robins in favor; Commissioners Sessa, Sherer, Sandak, Okun, Grebey and Gwozdzowski opposed).

**Vote No. 74** – Mr. Roseman stated that it was the consensus of the Committee that while some members were in favor of term limits for the BOR, they all felt that the BOR would dismiss the idea so the Committee felt the entire Commission should weigh in on this item. Mr. Robins stated that he believed the Committee ultimately decided to make a recommendation and not try to second-guess the BOR. Ms. Nabel stated that, in any event, no vote was taken. Mr. Sandak stated that this item would not be voted on this evening.

**Vote No. 77** – This item was referred to legal counsel, and no action was taken on it.

**Vote No. 79** – Mr. Fedeli explained that the Committee wanted to have charter revision occur on all of the decades ending in 0. The BOR could empanel any additional charter revision commissions. The Commission discussed this at length. The Committee felt that this would put charter review on a predictable schedule going forward.

Co-Chair Sandak asked counsel to review this proposal.

**Vote No. 82** – Mr. Fedeli stated that the Mr. Hibson stated that while there are currently no problems, collective bargaining should probably remain within the Law Department. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Fred Flynn (former Director of Administration) appeared before the Committee and stated that it is intimidating for employees to approach the HR Department, which is located on a locked floor in a legal environment. Mr. Williams also stated that municipal HR departments have very little in common with corporate HR departments (in that most of the HR functions are dictated by union contracts). Finally, both former corporation counsels were in favor of taking HR out from under Legal.

Mr. Williams moved to change the recommendation to “no change recommended” and moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Vote No. 86** – Co-Chair Sandak stated that no vote would be taken and referred this back to the Committee for language clarification in the Description.

**Vote No. 89** – Mr. Williams updated the Committee Recommendation to “No change recommended.” Mr. Williams then moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Vote No. 93** – Mr. Grebey updated the Committee Recommendation to “No change Recommended.” Mr. Grebey then moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved unanimously. There are several “reserved” sections in the Charter.

**Vote No. 96** – Mr. Sherer stated that the Committee agreed to extend the deadline by one month, to coincide with the Audit Report (see Vote No. 13).

**Vote No. 99** – Ms. McManus updated the Committee Recommendation to “No change recommended.” Ms. McManus moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Vote No. 100** – The intent here is for the Charter to create the Historic Preservation Commission and the composition, membership and method of appointment details shall lie with the BOR. Mr. Sessa questioned why the City need this in a city that is not historically-based. Mr. Williams explained that this Commission would be an advisory body only and a resource to land use boards, developers and homeowners. Mr. Sessa responded that he is worried about this Commission having control over private property. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the item was approved by a vote of 11-1-1 (Mr. Sessa and Ms. Gwozdzowski opposed; Mr. Sandak abstaining).

**Vote No. 110a** – Mr. Fogarty questioned whether this would be enforceable in the Charter and whether it could even be included in it. Mr. Sandak asked Mr. Fogarty to review the matter. In addition, Mr. Sandak stated that subpoena power is granted somewhere else in the Charter, and if it is determined that the Charter cannot give someone subpoena power, this section should be amended.

**Vote Nos. 111 and 112** – The Commission noted that there is only one CT municipality, Berlin, that has a charter provision for petition process of its Board of Education, this has never been challenged and it is questionable if it is consistent with State Statute. The question here is whether there is a way around State Statute, and the items are referred to legal counsel.

**Vote No. 118** – Co-Chair Sandak split Item 118 into two separate votes: (a) whether the Mayor can appoint a Special Assistant as his designee on the Board of Education; and (b) whether the Mayor (or designee) can vote.

The Commission held a lengthy discussion on the matter. Comments included:

- Not allowing the Mayor to vote strengthens separation of the two entities (city and school system).
- The Mayor has significant influence and power and this may give a Mayor too much influence over the Board of Education.
- The Board of Education is generally not in favor of the Mayor voting.
- There are good reasons for assuring a level of autonomy for the school system. Historically State Statute has supported the separation.
- The Board of Education budget is a significant part of the overall city budget, and the Mayor should have some influence over it.
- When the Mayor was given a non-voting seat on the Board of Education, this matter was discussed thoroughly.

- Those that vote on the Board of Education must be thoroughly familiar with all details, and this would require attending numerous meetings.
- The concept would include the Mayor participating in executive sessions.
- None of the major cities have mayors with voting rights.

Ms. McManus brought up the issue of the Mayor and/or designee being a non-elected member of the Board of Education and having voting rights. Mr. Fogarty questioned how an elected board can have appointed members. Further this could influence the minority representation requirements.

A motion was made to support the Committee's recommendation that the Mayor NOT have a vote on the Board of Education; said motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 12-2-0 (Messrs. Fedeli and Freccia opposed).

A motion was made to allow the Mayor to name a Special Assistant as a designee to the Board of Education. Said motion was seconded and FAILED by a vote of 5-9-0 (Commissioners Freccia, Sessa, Okun, Grebey and Robins in favor; Commissioners Nabel, Williams, Gwozdzowski, Roseman, Sherer, Jachimczyk, Fedeli, Sandak and McManus opposed).

**Vote No. 122** – Upon motion duly made and seconded, the item was approved by a vote of 13-0-1 (Co-Chair Freccia abstaining).

#### **Public Safety/Education/Ethics Committee Report**

Mr. Sandak reported on the May 1, 2012 Public Safety/Education/Ethics Committee meeting regarding fire service. He stated:

- The goal of the recommendation is to 1) create a single fire company with a single fire chief and 2) preserve the volunteers.
- The Committee recommends the Charter reflect a single fire company in Stamford, known as the Stamford Fire Company comprised of both career and volunteer fire fighters.
- Section C5-40-3(d), Jurisdiction currently limits the Stamford Fire & Rescue (SFR) district. The recommendation will be to change it to include the entire City.
- The proposal will create two charter-designated, paid Assistant Chiefs under the single Stamford Fire Chief – one for Career and one for for Volunteers.
- The Assistant Chief for Career would be appointed by the Chief, and the Assistant Chief for Volunteer Services would be appointed by the Chief from a pool of a minimum of 3 candidates presented by a majority vote of the chiefs of the volunteer companies.
- A difficult task is to document the goal of preserving the volunteers. This was accomplished by 1) establishing the Assistant Chief for Volunteer Services position; and 2) including language in the proposal that refers to the autonomy in the individual volunteer companies in both firefighting and other activities within their districts.
- This autonomy, however, is subject to the control, direction and responsibility of the Fire Chief; the volunteer chiefs will be in charge in their own houses and in their districts.
- The Committee decided to require a single fire marshal office for the entire city. The Committee learned that there is no communication between the volunteer fire marshals and the City Fire Marshal Office.

A lengthy discussion took place among Commission member.

- Different scenarios were discussed in Committee. One would be if the Fire Chief placed career firefighters in a volunteer house. These career fire fighters would then report to the Chief of that volunteer house.
- Messrs. Grebey and Fedeli noted that even though the volunteers have authority in their own houses, they are still overall under the Chief's jurisdiction.
- Mr. Sandak stated that if there was a "rogue" volunteer company, the Chief would have the authority to take that company "off line."
- Mr. Fedeli asked whether the Charter determines who designs the Fire Plan, and Mr. Sandak stated that the administration submitted a plan to the Board of Representatives. There is no charter requirement for a Fire Plan.

Mr. Sandak stated that after speaking with the volunteers, he believes what is driving a lot of this is that the volunteer fire companies are really small communities that represent neighborhoods and are involved with neighborhood social things. They see themselves as more than just a fire company, and these neighborhood ties is something ingrained in the volunteer system nationwide. What is important to them is that they don't lose that identity. Mr. Sandak also stated that the volunteers have told him that they are also very concerned with chain of command; this is critical, along with training. Currently, there is no clear chain of command as the SFR Chief has no authority over the volunteers.

Ms. McManus stated that the volunteer companies are a tremendous asset to the city, and the Commission should do whatever it can to preserve these.

In conclusion, Mr. Sandak stated that Stamford needs a clear, direct chain of authority in a way that protects and encourages the volunteers and respects their identity. This will be done by having the Asst. Chief for Volunteers (a position that Greenwich has) to support the volunteers. He noted that nationally, the number of volunteer fire fighters nationwide (73%) far exceeds the number of career fire fighters.

- Mr. Williams stated that he does not care about the autonomy issue; and sees this is solely a public safety issue. The current system is not working, adding that reports that there currently are no problems between the volunteers and career firefighters are charitable. He is not in favor of eliminating the volunteers, but safety is his primary concern and he is concerned about the lack of clarity in the command structure.
- Mr. Robins noted that there has been a great deal of hostility directed toward the volunteers by the career fire fighters and at one point of time the career fire fighters labeled the volunteers a "rival organization."
- Mr. Grebey stated he also is not concerned about the social aspects of volunteer fire companies, but concerned with safety. What the Commission puts forward will create a chain of command under a single jurisdiction, and it will save the city money by retaining the volunteers. It does remove some autonomy from the individual volunteer fire companies. He supports the Committee's proposal.

### **Scheduling of next meeting of full Commission**

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. If necessary, the Commission will also meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Commission will hold a public hearing in the Government Center Lobby on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jay Sandak & Vincent Freccia, Co-Chairs

*This meeting is on [video](#)*

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Status: Open; Closed	Vote No.	Charge No.	Com.	Subject	Committee Recommendation	Description	Charter Section	5/2/12 Vote
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
O**	6	41	F	Budget Process	Recommends	This recommendation would incorporate new language eliminating Board of Finance and Board of Representative approval for additional appropriation requests in amounts of \$2,500 or less.	C8-30-12 (Page 85)	Tabled
O	7	45	F	Budget Process	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	This recommendation provides the Mayor with the ability to manage the budget (with respect to salary items) once approved by the elective boards .	C8-30-11 (Page 84)	Tabled
C	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
O	9	49	F	Board of Finance	Recommends	This recommendation narrows the responsibilities of the BOF to strictly financial matters. (The current Charter provisions are broad and refer to: "any and all incidental powers").	C6-20-7-9 et al (Page 44)	Tabled
C	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)	APP 14-0-0
C**	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

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C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
O	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)	Tabled
C	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)	APP 14-0-0
O	17			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
C	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
O	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
G	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)	

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C	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	
C	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	
C	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	
C	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	
C	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	
C	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	
C	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	
O	29	71	F	Pension	No change recommended	This recommendation would eliminate the Pay Plan (contained in Chapter 47 of the Code of Ordinances).		Tabled	
O	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)	Tabled	
O	31	112a	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	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)	Tabled	
O	32	112b	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	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)	Tabled	
C	33	112c	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Recommends	This recommendation would incorporate protection from discrimination for all employees. (The Charter currently limits protection to officers/employees in the "Classified Service.")	C5-20-16 (Page 27)	APP 14-0-0	

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C	34	112d	F	Classified & Unclassified Service	Recommends	This recommendation would protected all classes from discrimination for all reasons protected by State and Federal Law by eliminating the listing of protected classes and referencing State and Federal law.	C5-20-16 (Page 27)	APP 14-0-0
C	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
C	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
C	37			Bonding	Recommends	The current Charter language provides that upon the request of the Mayor, the Board of Finance may amend the capital projects budget subject to the approval of the Board of Representatives. Thus essentially, the action of the Board of Finance is a "recommendation" to the Board of Representatives. This proposed change would clarify this process and make the language consistent.	C8-20-7 (Page 80)	Tabled
O	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)	Tabled
C	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
C	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
C	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

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C	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
C	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
O						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)	Tabled
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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

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C	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	
C	47	4	G	Board of Representatives	Recommends	This recommendation would allow the BOR, by resolution, to skip no more than one monthly regular meeting in any organizational/legislative year. (Currently, the BOR is required to hold regular meetings on the first Monday of every month.)	C2-10-4 (Page 18)	APP 14-0-0	
C	48	5		political	No change recommended	This recommendation sought to limit party caucuses.		APP 14-0-0	
C	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	
C	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	
C	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	
C	52	9	G	Boards and Commissions	Recommends	This recommendation aligns the terms of the members of the Fire and Police Commissions with the Mayor's term of office. (Current Charter language does not address this.)	C6-00-2;C6-00-4 (Pages 41-42)	APP 14-0-0	
C	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	
O	54	11	G	Boards and Commissions	No change recommended	This recommendation would automatically terminate a Board or Commission appointment six months after its termination date, if the Mayor does not appoint a replacement. (The current Charter language does not provide for an automatic termination.)	C6-00-3 (Page 41)	Tabled	

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C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
G	63	18	G	City Directors/Director of Administration	No change recommended	<del>This recommendation would delete the economic development function. See Vote # 56</del>	<del>C5-50-1 (Page 35)</del>	
G	64	19	G	City Directors/Director of Administration	Recommends	<del>This recommendation seeks to include Risk Management in the list of functions in C5-50-02B, and modernize language. See Vote # 1</del>	<del>C5-50-1 (Page 35)</del>	

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O	65	22	G	City Directors/Director of Operations/WPCA	Recommended change.	This request seeks to clarify conflicting Charter language as it relates to the duties of the Director of Operations and the Water Pollution Authority with the City WPCA ordinance and/or state statute; other functions performed by City for WPCA. [WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE CHANGE]	C5-30-2 (Page 28)	Tabled
O	66	23	G	City Directors/Director of Operations/WPCA	Recommended	This recommendation would designate the WPCA as an independent entity consistent with state statute.	C5-30-2 (Page 28)	Tabled
C	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
G	67A	25a	G	Commissions/Boards (possible elimination or merge)	Recommends	Eliminate provision re: elimination by Superseding Ordinance as WPCC no longer exists. See Vote #67	C6-160-6 (Page 63)	
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
O	72	32	G	Election	Recommends; refers to full Commission	This recommendation would impose term limits for elected officials.	C1-70-3 (page 14)	Tabled
C	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)	APP 8-6-0
O	74	34	G	Election	No consensus; refer to full commission	This recommendation would reduce the size of BOR to 20.	C1-80-1 (Page 15)	Tabled

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C	75	35	G	Election	No change recommended	This recommendation would stagger the terms of BOR.	C1-70-3 (Page 14)	APP 14-0-0
C	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
O	77	35b	G	Election	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	This recommendation would replace the word 'meeting' with 'election' .	C1-70-1 (Page 14)	Tabled
C	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
O	79	82	G	Charter Review	Recommends	This recommendation would set the timing of Charter review for each 10 years; appointments to the Commission are to be made no later than the Feb BOR meeting of each 10th year. The revision process would be synchronized for referendum occurring in either a Presidential, gubernatorial or Mayoral election year. (Currently the provisions for the appointment of charter revision allow for appointment later in the year.)	C1-40-5 (Page 13)	Tabled
C	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	<del>This recommendation would require appointments of Special Assistants by the Mayor be approved by the Board of Representatives</del>	<del>C3-10-2 (Page 20)</del>	
C	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
C	83	88	G	City Departments	Recommended	This recommendation would place the Land Use offices under a new Office of Planning & Zoning under the supervision of the Director of Planning and Economic Development, which would be a cabinet position. (See Votes #56 & 86.)	C5-30-1, et seq (Page 28)	APP 14-0-0
C	84	89	G	City departments	No change recommended	This recommendation was to separate Parks & Recreation.	C5-30-5 Page 30)	APP 14-0-0
C	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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O	86	91	G	City Departments	Recommended	This recommendation would create an Office of Planning & Development to include the staff for the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Environmental Protection Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Enforcement, Economic Development and Community Development offices to oversee all planning and development functions for the city. The Building Department would remain within the Office of Operations. One Cabinet level position, the Director of Planning and Economic Development would oversee all planning and development functions for the City.	C5-10 (Page 22)	Tabled
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	92	105	G	Environmental Protection Function	Recommends	This recommendation would add language to C5-40-1 to make it explicit that the Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare has the ultimate responsibility for oversight in dealing with incidents of environmental contamination. (The current Charter does not address ultimate authority for environmental contamination.)	C5-40-1 et seq (Page 31).; and C5-30-8 (Page 31)	APP 14-0-0
C	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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C	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
C	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
C**	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	100	119	G	Creation of a historic Preservation Commission	Recommend	This recommendation would establish an Histor 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
C	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
C	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
C	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

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C	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
O	110a		PH	Subpoena power for Board of Ethics	Recommended	This recommendation would provide the Board of Ethics with subpoena power.		Tabled
C	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
C	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
O	111	30	PH	Election/Board of Education	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	This recommendation would make the BOE elections non-partisan.	C1-80-5 (Page 16)	Tabled
O	112	31	PH	Election/Board of Education	Tabled pending opinion of legal counsel	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)	Tabled
O	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)	Tabled
O	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 policy.	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	Tabled

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O	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 etc. 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).	C5-40-3 (d) (Page 34)	Tabled
O						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.		Tabled
O	116	75	PH	Fire Service	Recommends	This recommendation would 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. (The Charter currently has provisions relating to the volunteer service.)	C5-40-3(d) (Page 34)	Tabled
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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
C	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

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C	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
C	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
C	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	<del>This request sought to expand the Health Commission authority.</del>	<del>C6-100 (Page 59)</del>	
C	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
C	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
O	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.	C6-90-1 and C6-90-3 (Pages 58 & 59)	Tabled
O	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	
O	131	44	Tech	Budget Process	Recommends	This recommendation seeks clarification of the meaning of "office" and "department" with regard to the transfer of certain non-salary budgeted funds within an office department, etc.	C8-30-11 (Page 84)	
O	132	93	Tech	Special Assessments	Tabled	This recommendation seeks to relocate this particular provision to a different section. (The Charter currently includes street discontinuances within the section of powers of the Board of Representatives.)	C8-60-1 - C8-60-17 (Pages 88-92)	

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O	133	94	F	Special Assessments	Tabled and referred to legal counsel	This recommendation requests a review as to whether this section is in conflict with state law. (The Charter currently provides a 30 day requirement for an aggrieved party to submit an application challenging an assessment in a takings case.)	C8-60-10 (Page 91)		
O	134	95	F	Special Assessments	Tabled and referred to legal counsel	This recommendation asks that a determination as to whether the last sentence of C8-60-9 is inconsistent with State statutory procedure. (Conn Gen Stat. 48-12 requires the City to follow the eminent domain procedures set forth in 8-128 to 8-133.)	C8-60-9 (Page 90)		
O	135	112a	F	Classified and Unclassified Service	Referred to legal counsel	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)		
O	136	112e	F	Condemnation and disposition of land	Tabled refer to counsel	This recommendation seeks clarification as to when the 60 day period commences to notify a property owner "prior to the condemnation proceedings".	C1-50-2 (Page13)		
O	137	112g	G	Authority of the Mayor	Referred to legal counsel	This recommendation seeks to determine whether current Charter provisions allowing a Mayor to take acknowledgement of signature on deeds and other instruments is consistent with state law.	C3-10-8 (Page 21)		
O	138	117b	PH	Ordinance	Recommended	This recommendation seeks to add publication on the City website instead of requiring publication of the passage of an ordinance in an official newspaper.	C1-10-4; C2-10-16 (Pages 11 & 20)		
O	139	117c	PH	Official Undertaking	Tabled and referred to counsel	This recommendation asks for clarification of the current language (unclear and appears to have a missing word).	C5-20-18 (Page 27)		
O	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 the city government and to participate in city government. (The current Charter is devoid of any language to provide citizens certain	Preamble		
O	141		G	Ombudsman	No concensus reached; refer to Commission	This recommendation seeks to add the function of ombudsman to the role of the Citizens Complaint Director and that the Charter mandate the Citizens' Service Bureau incorporate the Ombudsman role. (The current Charter language does not have a position of Ombudsman.)			
O	142	7	G	Ordinance/Mayor/Board of Representatives	Recommended	This recommendation seeks to change this to replace the word "days" with "business days". [Or, it might simply be a change to the definition section that every time the word "days" is used, it is to be defined as "business days."] (The Charter currently simply references "days" when calculating actions to be take.)	C2-10-13 and C2-10-14 (Page 19)		

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⊖	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.	C2-10-13 and C2-10-14 (Page 19)	
O	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	
O	145	S 9	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)	
O	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	
O	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)	
O	148	46	F	Bonds	No change recommended	This recommendation would require all bond resolutions to be accompanied by a legal opinion that 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)	
O	149	47	F	Bonds	No change recommended	This recommendation would permit bond proceeds to finance short term assets. [See Vote #35]	C8-50-1 (Page 87)	
O	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)	
O	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)	
O	152	53	F	Board of Finance	No change recommended	This recommendation would expand the BOF's investigatory powers.	C6-20-9 Page 44)	
O	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)	

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O	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)	
O	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 recommendation concerning the official and precluding the official from voting on an issue if there is a conflict of interest.		
O	156	77	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation would mandate funding for the Board of Ethics.	C2-10-1 (Page 17)	
O	157	78	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks a Charter provision mandating that certain provisions be included in the Code of Ethics.		
O	158	79	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation provides that wilful violation of the Open Records provisions would be a violation of the Code of Ethics and heard on an expedited basis.		
O	159	80	PH	Ethics	No change recommended	This recommendation would establish "whistleblowing" procedures and a hotline.		
O	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.		
O	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)	
O	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)	
O	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.		
O	164	116	G	Air Quality	No change recommended	This recommendation would establish a department within city government focusing on air quality issues.		
O	165	118	G	Technical Amendments	No change recommended	This recommendation seeks non-specific technical changes.		