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MINUTES of Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria, 4th Floor, Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Call Meeting to Order

Co-Chair Sandak called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Present were all Commissioners except Mr. Roseman. Also present were President Skigen and Representatives Coppola, Day, Fountain, Frazis, Malozzi, McGarry, Savage, Sklover, Taylor and Zelinsky of the Board of Representatives and approximately 35 members of the public.

History of Commission - Co-Chair welcomed the public and explained the history of the Commission and the procedure to be followed at the public hearing.

Highlights of Recommended Changes – Co-Chair Freccia highlighted the key changes to the Charter recommended by the Commission

Public Comment

Vote No. 115 - Chief John Didelot of the Belltown Fire Department spoke in opposition to Vote No. 115, stating that the changes are too complex and give too much authority to Stamford Fire & Rescue. He recommended the creation of a board to oversee all the fire departments. Edward Cohen, Paul Newman and Jason Teitelbaum spoke in favor of Vote No. 115.

Vote No. 73 – Jim Kelley spoke in opposition to term limits for the Mayor, stating that people should decide how many terms a person serves as Mayor. Representative Zelinsky also spoke in opposition to this Vote.

Vote No. 70 – Representative Zelinsky spoke in opposition to limiting the number of elected boards on which a person may serve, saying voters should be able to decide

Vote No. 74 – Representative Zelinsky spoke in opposition to reducing the size of the Board of Representatives, noting that the number of people required for a majority would be only 11.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jay Sandak & Vincent Freccia, Co-Chairs

This meeting is on video