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MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

4th Floor, Government Center

888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Present were: Finance Committee Members: Joanna Gwozdziowski, Don Scherer, David Lucas, George Sessa. Present from the Government Committee were: Vincent J. Freccia; Josh Fedeli; Susan Nabel; Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Rich Roseman. Guests present: Invited Guest Fred Flynn Former Director of Administration, City of Stamford; Frank Vartulli, and John Mallozzi.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Freccia.

Mr. Flynn was asked to speak to Charge 20, a discussion of the function of the Internal Audit position and whether it should report to the Director of Administration. Mr. Flynn's recommendation was that the position report to the Controller, and that the Internal Audit position be mandatory.

The Committee agreed by consensus to support the recommendation that the Internal Audit function report to either the Director of Administration or the Controller and that the Internal Audit function be mandatory within the Office of Administration.

Charge 12: Mr. Flynn spoke about his view that the Director of Economic Development be a cabinet position reporting to the Mayor. Josh Fedeli brought the Committee's attention to Charge 91, a Mayoral recommendation concerning a possible Land Use department, which also concerns the Director of Economic Development position. The Committee agreed by consensus to table discussion of Charge 12 until such time s Charge 91 is discussed. Mr. Williams requested that it be noted that if the Committee chooses not to support the change in Charge 91, that Charge 12 be reconsidered separately.

Charge 17: The Committee voted unanimously to reject the recommendation that the Director of Administration report to the Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives.

Charge 18: The Committee agreed by consensus to table this Charge until Charge 91 and Charge 12 are discussed.

Charge 19: Mr. Flynn spoke to his recommendation that a Risk Management Function be added to the Department of Administration. The Committee agreed by consensus that Risk Management be added to the numbered list of functions in C5-50-02B, and that the language describing those functions be modernized (i.e., “Data Processing” for “Information Technology.”).

Charge 21: The Controller function and its reporting line to the Director of Administration was discussed with Charge 20.

Charge 23: will be discussed at another meeting.

Charge 34: After a brief discussion of the considerations in discussing the size of the Board of Representatives, the Committee agreed by consensus to table this Charge.

Charge 113: Mr. Flynn recommended that the language in the Charter (C3-10-13) be changed to allow for an additional 30 days before summary reports of the preceding fiscal year be submitted to the Mayor. The Committee agreed to research the origin of the September 30 date currently in the Charter. A request to research through the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities will be made through the Secretary of the Board of Representatives office.

Josh Fedeli asked to be excused from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

That concluded the discussion of Charges on the agenda. Chair Freccia announced that the next Govt. Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, and that Prasad Chakravarti will be invited to speak regarding the WPCA Charges. He asked that Committee members consider areas of Government Committee charges that should be offered for future Public Hearings.

The minutes of the January 9 meeting were approved on a motion by Dudley Williams, seconded by Susan Nabel. Rich Roseman abstained from the vote, having been absent from that meeting. Josh Fedeli had read and approved the minutes prior to his departure.

At 7:46 p.m., Dudley Williams made a motion to adjourn. Rich Roseman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nabel

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