

PAWTUCKET CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

MEETING

January 27, 2009

A meeting of the Pawtucket Charter Review Commission is held Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303, City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI.

Present – Vice-Chairperson Butler, Commissioners Babiec, Brissette, Hovarth, McGill, McKittrick, Plitt and Tirrell.

Absent – Chairperson Tavares, Commissioner Spinola.

Vice-Chairperson Butler presides.

The Commission conducts a public input period, at which Stephen Kapalka of 10 Vineyard Street, Pawtucket presents several recommendations regarding the Personnel Board including specifying the duties of the board, cross-referencing prior sections of the charter relative to the board, granting subpoena charter to the board and requiring that charges brought against employees be in writing. He also presented recommendations that any citizen be allowed to file a complaint with the city clerk against an elected or appointed official or board member.

The reading of the minutes of the Charter Review Commission Meeting of January 19, 2010 is dispensed with and the minutes are APPROVED as submitted by the Secretary by unanimous vote of all voting members, Commissioners Sawyer and Plitt abstaining.

The Commission Takes up the following:

Discussion regarding questions and answers arising from previous meetings.

Request that term limits for elected officials and members of board and commissions be reviewed at a later date.

Review of Article VII- Discussion whether wording in several sections is appropriate;

Discussion whether 7-110 should include “sexual orientation” to be consistent with federal guidelines.

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Review of Article VIII – Discussion whether wording in several sections is appropriate;

Discussion whether family members should be barred from contracting with the City;

Discussion regarding confidentiality obligations of City employees;

Discussion regarding referenced to non-existent sections of the charter;

Discussion regarding advisory commission on ethics;

Review of Article IX – Discussion regarding electronic availability of public documents.

Review of Article X – No Discussion.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Margaret-Mary Belliveau Hovarth, Secretary