

Town of Johnston Charter Review Commission

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Johnston Charter Review Commission

Minutes

January 18, 2024

Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

I. Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call

Chairman DelFino called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Town Clerk, Vincent Baccari, Jr took a roll call

All members were present except for Steven Mandarelli, Charles Ainabe, Joseph Andriole, Karen Clark & Nicole Corbin

Also, present were: Allan Fung, Esq & Vincent P. Baccari, Jr, Town Clerk & Joseph L. Chiodo, Finance Director

Chairman DelFino noted that a quorum was present

II. New Business

- **Approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting**

Robert Piscione made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2024 meeting

The motion was seconded by Susan Mansolillo

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- **Discussion of Article VIII entitled “The Budget”**

Chairman DelFino took each sub-section of Article VIII individually and asked if there were any recommendations:

Section 8.1 Fiscal Year: Discussion took place regarding removing or leaving the language regarding the original dates for the fiscal year. It was also recommended to remove the language for 6 percent per annum

Section 8.2 Contents Generally: It was discussed to remove the language for “Anticipated Revenue”

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Section 8.3 Preparation of the Budget: A recommendation was made to change the proposed date for the mayor to present the budget from April to by July 1st and also add language that the Council shall enact the budget on or before the last day of July

Section 8.4 Budget Format: No changes were recommended

Section 8.5 Budget Control: No changes were recommended

- **Public Comment on Article VIII**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article IX, entitled “Department of Finance”**

Section 9.1 Organization: No changes were recommended

Section 9.2 Director of Finance- Generally: No changes were recommended

Section 9.3 Same- Qualifications: No changes were recommended

Section 9.4 Same- Compensation: No changes were recommended

Section 9.5 Same- Duties and Powers: No changes were recommended

Section 9.6.1 Competitive Bidding: A recommendation was made to remove the reference to the one hundredth of one percent

Section 9.6.2 Competitive Bidding: A recommendation was made to modify the amount of the \$400 requirement and also to change the word “telephonic” to possibly “electronic”

Section 9.6.3 Competitive Bidding: recommendations were made to modify the amount of the \$400 requirement and also to add the language of “qualified bidder” and to add language pertaining to compliance with State Law

Section 9.7 Transfer of Appropriations: No changes were recommended

Section 9.8.1 Tax Assessor: A recommendation was made to remove the requirement of being a “qualified elector of the Town”

Section 9.9 Review of Assessments: No changes were recommended

Section 9.10 Borrowing: No changes were recommended

- **Public Comment on Article IX**

There were no comments from the public

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- **Discussion regarding scheduling of future meetings and sections to be discussed**

Future dates and sections for review for the next meeting were discussed

The next meeting will take place on February 1st, 2024 for the review of Articles X, XI, XII, XIII & XIV

Future meetings after the February 1, 2024 will be February 8, 2024 & February 15, 2024

III. Adjournment

Susan Mansolillo made a motion to adjourn

The motion was seconded by Fred Iafrate

The motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Vincent P. Baccari, Jr., Town Clerk