

Meeting Minutes

Workshop

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Date: April 2, 2026

Attendees:

Dave Spencer, Pete Brelia, Bobby Harrison, Joe Noon, Kim Ernest, Cindy Yost, Brandon Cunningham, Lenox Trams, Jen Dindinger

Purpose: The meeting was convened to review proposed amendments to the town charter and discuss related governance issues.

1. Meeting Overview:

The meeting began with a motion to enter an emergency executive session to discuss legal advice on an employee issue. The motion was made, seconded, and approved to be addressed at the end of the meeting. The primary focus was on reviewing charter amendments submitted to the council. Councilmember Ernest read a statement regarding the current Charter's strong mayor system vs a recommendation for a weak mayor system.

2. Key Discussion Points:

- **Charter Amendments Review:**

Section 101: Incorporation and General Powers: Legal to look into the "plead and to be impleaded in any court of law" statement that was omitted in the revised section.

Section 102: Corporate Boundary District: No major issues were raised.

Section 200-201: Composition and Terms of the Council: Correction needed for election timing from May to November. - Discussion on qualifications and forfeiture of office, with suggestions to create separate sections for clarity. Legal will draft new sections for review.

Section 203: Council as Judge of Qualifications: Legal to look into the revised section stating, "and eligibility of its members".

Section 204: President of the Council: No major issues were raised.

Section 205: Compensation of Councilpersons: No major issues were raised.

Section 206: Vacancies in the Council - Proposal to hold special elections for vacancies, with a discussion on appointing interim members if less than six months remain in the term. Legal to draft.

Section 207: Rules, Order of Business, and Public Meetings: Discussion on remote participation and meeting schedules, with a need to update the charter to reflect current practices

Section 208: Meetings of Council: Change time to 6:00 pm, and the first Thursday of December.

Section 209: Quorum and Voting: No major issues were raised.

Section 210: Passage of ordinances: Under Filing and Publication, remove b. altogether.

Section 211: Referendum Procedures: Under section 1. Last sentences after submitted to a vote of the qualified voters, add "of the Town". Under section 9 remove "or" for "and" and

Section 212: Ordinances and Referendum Procedures - Minor language adjustments for clarity and consistency with state law.

Section 301: Selection, Term, and Qualifications: No major issues were raised.

Section 302: Qualification of the Mayor: Legal to add missing meetings to this section.

Section 303: Compensation of Mayor: No major issues were raised.

Section 304: Powers and Duties: Legal to review and provide update on Mayor's role in appointing and firing with Councils consent.


3. Closed/Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilperson Ernest, seconded by Councilperson Noon, at 6:58 pm, to enter into closed session pursuant to § 3-305(b)(1) to discuss a personnel matter and § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with legal counsel. The Mayor and Council met in closed session to discuss a personnel complaint involving a Town employee and to receive legal advice. No final action was taken in closed session.

4. Adjournment:

The Mayor and Council returned to open session at 7:16 pm, and a motion was made by Councilperson Brelia and second by Councilperson Noon to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Signed: _____


David Spencer, Mayor