



**CITY OF DANBURY**  
**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

155 DEER HILL AVENUE  
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Location: Room 3C City Hall

Minutes from Monday, August 28, 2008

**Commissioners Present:** Carlo J. Marano, Robert L. King, Peter N. Buzaid, Carlo J. Marano, Joan S. Mead Mary Comstock, Paul E. Swenson, Diane R. Servello and Edward T. Torian

**Commissioner Absent:** Mary M. Cronin

1. The commission discussion and accepted the minutes from the August 11, 2008 meeting with certain corrections.
2. The commission heard input from the public:
  - Lynn Waller** Spoke in favor of retaining the current number of members to the Council; voiced her support for continuation of At-large council members; thought that capping of non-referendum bonding was necessary and believes that council members should not be compensated as the members of no other board or commission are compensated.;
  - Al Robinson** pointed out that §3-3 of the Charter provides that only the Council can appoint an assistant clerk
  - Warren Levy** expressed concern about compliance with the requirements of the Charter and believes that the Council should have its own independent legal advisor for interpretations of the Charter, Statutes, Regulations Ordinances and Rules; He supports continued minority representation and the current size of 21 members for the Council, it is not broken..
  - Paul Rotella** supports current size of the Council at 21 members, if the Council were to small there might be a problem with quorums and pointed out that certain issues require 2/3 majority. He was against term limits and in favor of a 2 year term. He also believed system worked because Danbury has had good luck with the competency of its mayors.
  - Margaret Mitchell** supports the change that provides the capital plan being submitted to the Council earlier. She is concerned about bonding and she prefers the town meeting style of government. She pointed out that the Budget Books are not available to the public. She also stated that the current size of the council would not work in practice without the use of the ad hoc committee system
3. The commission unanimously voted to approve agenda for meeting.
4. The commission had discussion about the current size of the council 21 members and about the advantages of a lesser number of council members.
5. The Commission had discussion of proposed changes to Charter § 6-9 regarding the police department and unanimously voted to make changes to §6-9.
6. The Commission discussed a review of items passed by vote at its earlier meetings and received a packet of copies of approved changes to the Charter
7. The Commission had discussion about changes to the City Clerks position and reviewed several proposals on different ways to eliminate the Office of City Clerk and replace those duties with

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another position. There was review of a proposal from the Mayor and proposals from Warren Levy. The Commission will further discuss the issue of the City Clerk's Office on the next agenda.

8. The Commission had discussion about streamlining the City's Organization which is contained within § 6 of the Charter.
9. The Commission had brief discussion regarding the percentage of electors required on a petition to force a referendum.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

Submitted: September 7, 2008

By: Peter N. Buzaid Secretary