

Charter Commission, City of Plattsburgh

Notes: 2.3.26

Present: Theresa, Tim, Forrest (6:08pm), Michele, Cynthia, Anna, Ciara, Sue, Rick, Lynn, Rod, Hillary

Unexcused absence: Jim, Jeff

Also Present: Mayor Hughes

Three ring binders and documents were distributed to commission members. Each was given a bag/backpack from the City School District to hold their materials.

Rod called the meeting to order 6:01pm.

Attendance was taken.

In an addition to the agenda, Rod went over the By-laws for the commission. He pointed out policy on absences. There were questions and discussion around this item.

Motion to accept: Sue

Second: Tim

Unanimous

Minutes:

Motion to accept: Rick

Second: Ciara

No discussion – unanimous

Review of Article II of the Charter

Article C2-1

After some discussion the commission asked Rod to create a chart with the wards in which councilors will be up for election for the next several years.

Article C2-3

B. Term limits:

No person shall be eligible to be elected Mayor if on Election Day he or she shall have served ~~eight consecutive years~~ **two consecutive full terms** as Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh. No person shall be eligible to be elected Councilor if on Election Day he or she shall have served ~~eight consecutive years~~ **two consecutive full terms** as Councilor of the City of Plattsburgh.

C2-8 Vacancies; forfeiture of office; filling of vacancies.

B. 4

Fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Common Council without being excused by the Council.

**There was much discussion around this. It was agreed that the City Attorney needs to be consulted as to what is in statute on this matter. There was also much discussion around an orientation for new Councilors.**

No changes were proposed for the other items in C-2.

The Commission asked that further discussion be held on two issues: whether the Charter will require regular periodic review be held and the implementation of an orientation for newly elected Councilors.

At 7:21 pm the Commission adjourned. Motion: Ciara, Second: Sue – unanimous.

Submitted by,  
Theresa Bennett