

# City of Derby

## Charter Revision Commission

Joseph DiMartino  
Beverly Moran

Arthur Gerckens  
Adam Pacheco  
James Stadt

Robert Hughes  
Sheila Parizo

**Charter Revision Commission- Public Hearing**  
**Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall**  
**1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT**  
**June 13 2016**

**1. Call to Order.**

Ms. Parizo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Ms. Parizo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Beverly Moran, Joseph DiMartino, Arthur Gerckens, Adam Pacheco, James Stadt and Sheila Parizo were present. Robert Hughes was absent.

**4. Public Portion**

Discussed under Item 5.

**5. Public Hearing - To hear comment from the public prior to the beginning of any substantive work on such charter amendments pursuant to Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes Charge to Commission**

Mr. DiCenso – spoke regarding the bidding process Charter sections 66 and 67. He would like the commission to discuss considering Derby businesses and provide a 10% discount. He also spoke about waivers for elected officials. He doesn't believe waivers should be needed for elected officials. For non-elected officials, he feels a majority vote should rule. Nothing in the charter discusses the requirements for the person running for Treasurer. They should have some kind of qualifications such as a degree in Accounting.

Ms. DeGennaro – spoke about the bidding processes sections 66 and 67. She believes section 67 states the lowest bidder must be accepted and that is not always the best bidder. She also spoke about her concerns that the commission is working off the correct charter. She said that for the advertisements of bids, the charter said it needs to be in the newspapers in New Haven County which is costly. She would like that changed to possibly use the Derby website or having the option to using the State bid list. The Charter states there are three fire commissioners and there is only one. The last section, section 100, talks about Birmingham Water Company and the city's ability to purchase stock, etc. We do have contractual obligations but she's not sure how much of the section is moot. She also had concerns with Section 33 states that the Tax Board has to appropriate \$1000 to Griffin Hospital annually and \$500 Derby Neck Library.

Mr. Garofalo – spoke about several sections involving notices and publications that should be changed as well; Sections 9, 23, 24, 30, 32, 38, 64, 66, 67, 68, 77, and 82. He also spoke about sections that are redundant or irrelevant: Sections 33, 41, 55, and 71. Section 69 was left out and never changed in 2005 with regard to financial responsibilities for the City Clerk verses the responsibilities of the finance director.

The Board was asked when the revisions need to be finalized. Ms. Parizo said she hopes to have the recommendations to the Board of Aldermen by the end of July.

Mr. Gerckens said there were 10 duplicate pages on the Charter that was provided at the last meeting so he's not confident they have the correct version. Mr. Garofalo said he will provide them with the correct version.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM by Mr. Gerckens, seconded by Mr. DiMartino and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

***These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.***