

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on June 1, 2015, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Norwich, the Norwich City Council hereby expresses its gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission for their hard work, dedication, community service and efforts in reviewing, considering and making recommendations on the amendments to the Charter of the City of Norwich as put forth in its Final Report, dated May 18, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission are hereby approved or rejected as per Schedule "A" attached hereto.

"SCHEDULE A"

A copy of the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission of the City of Norwich dated May 18, 2015 is attached hereto.

The Council of the City of Norwich shall act upon the following three sections:

I. The Council of the City of Norwich approves the Charter changes in their entirety as recommended in the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report dated March 16, 2015 and Final Report dated May 18, 2015.

YES 0 NO 7

APPROVED _____ REJECTED X

II. The Council of the City of Norwich rejects the Charter changes in their entirety as recommended in the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report dated March 16, 2015 and Final Report dated May 18, 2015.

YES 0 NO 7

APPROVED _____ REJECTED X

III. The Council of the City of Norwich approves or rejects the Charter changes as recommended in the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report dated March 16, 2015 and the Final Report dated May 18, 2015 by actions as follows:

a. Chapter IV., Elections, Sec. 8 – Registrars of voters and justices of the peace.

The term for registrars of voters shall be increased from two years to four years.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

b. Chapter V., The Council, Sec. 2 – Officers (a) Mayor.

(1) Paragraph (a) shall be modified to provide that the Mayor is no longer mandated to attend all state, regional and national conferences for mayors, but may attend the same.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

(2) Paragraph (a) shall be amended to provide that the Mayor shall be an "ex officio" **non-voting** member of all commissions and committees created by the city council, rather than an "ex-officio" voting member of those bodies.

YES 6 NO 1 - Nash APPROVED X REJECTED _____

(3) Paragraph (a) shall be modified so as to abolish the position of Economic Development Coordinator.

YES 0 NO 7 APPROVED _____ REJECTED X

c. Chapter V., The Council, Sec. 2 – Officers (b) Other officers.

Paragraph (b) shall be amended to provide that the position of the president pro tempore be abolished to be replaced by that of deputy mayor. Further, the position of deputy mayor shall be determined to be the alderman who has received the highest number of votes in a general election. In the event of a tie vote, the council shall elect a deputy mayor from the two aldermen tied for the highest vote in the general election.

YES 0 NO 7 APPROVED _____ REJECTED X

d. Chapter VI., City Manager, Sec. 4 – Power of appointment and removal.

This section shall be amended to give the city manager the power to restructure or reorganize any department of the City of Norwich, the head of which is appointed by him, to include the elimination, addition or separation of divisions of any department.

YES 2 NO 5 APPROVED _____ REJECTED X

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e. Chapter VII., Budget, Sec. 17 – Scope of capital budget.

(1) This section shall be amended to require the annual tax levy to fund the Capital Improvement Fund of the City of Norwich to be two percent of the general fund budget from the previous fiscal year.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

(2) The following language in this section shall be deleted: **“The proceeds of such levies shall be kept by the city treasurer in special bank accounts until invested as provided in chapter IX of this charter.”**

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

f. Chapter VIII., Borrowing, Sec. 3 – Term and form of bonds and notes.

The language in this section which establishes specific requirements for the issuance of bonds and notes shall be amended. In place of existing language, the following shall be added: **“The terms, conditions, details and particulars of issuance of bonds and notes of the city shall be determined in accordance with the Connecticut statutes and law.”**

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

g. Chapter VIII., Borrowing, Sec. 4 – Bonds and notes, how authorized.

This section shall be amended to exclude from the \$800,000 threshold referendum provision those general obligation bonds for which the city council and public utility commissioners have entered into a payment agreement.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

h. Chapter IX., Financial Administration, Sec. 2 – Comptroller.

This section shall be amended to provide that the comptroller shall continue to submit public financial statements on a monthly basis to the chief

executive officer, but such financial statements need not be available at the first regular meeting in each month of the city council.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

i. Chapter IX., Financial Administration, Sec. 6 – Collection of taxes.

This section shall be amended to eliminate the provision that calls for a possible discount on taxes if the first installment is paid on or before the first business day in August.

YES 6 NO 1- Nash APPROVED X REJECTED _____

j. Chapter IX., Financial Administration, Sec. 10 – Competitive bidding.

(1) This section shall be amended so that the rules and regulations for competitive bidding apply to all single expenditures of more than twenty five thousand dollars, or such higher amount as may be allowed by the general statutes.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

(2) This section shall be amended to correct a typographical error so that the complete record of all bids shall be preserved, not reserved, for not less than six years in a file which shall be open to public inspection.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

k. Chapter IX., Financial Administration, Sec. 20 – Disbursements.

This section shall be amended to permit disbursements as approved by the treasurer to be made from any funds of the city by any commercially acceptable method and no longer limited to checks signed by the treasurer.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

l. Chapter XI., Department of Public Works, Sec. 1 – Department of public works.

(1) This section shall be amended to require that the department of public works be responsible for providing the heat, light and janitorial care of all city-owned properties under the jurisdiction of the police department.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

(2) This section shall be amended to recognize that the department of public works shall no longer have charge of street lighting and house numbering.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

m. Chapter XI., Department of Public Works, Sec. 2 – Director of public works.

This section shall be amended to delete the requirement that the director of public works obtain the advice of the heads of the respective divisions before appointing or removing officers and employees of the public works department.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

n. Chapter XI., Department of Public Works, Sec. 5 – Engineering.

This section shall be amended to provide that the city engineer shall have custody of all maps not specifically entrusted to other officials by the chief executive officer of the city.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

o. Chapter XI., Department of Public Works, Sec. 8 – Cemeteries.

This section shall be amended to provide that the chief executive officer of the city, through the director of public works, rather than through the superintendent of parks and cemeteries, shall have the power and duty of

carrying out and administering all cemetery trusts and to care for and maintain all cemetery properties under the control of the city.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

p. Chapter XII., Utilities, Sec. 11 - Contracts, leases, and agreements.

This section shall be amended to permit the board of public utilities commissioners to enter into contracts, leases, and agreements for terms of not more than twenty-five years, thereby increasing the maximum time period from the current ten years.

YES 7 NO 0 APPROVED X REJECTED _____

q. Chapter XIII., Public Welfare, Sec. 1 - Board of education.

The language in this section shall be amended so that members of the Board of education will serve for a term of four years and that the terms for members will be staggered so that, biennially, the number of seats up for election will alternate between five positions and four positions.

YES 0 NO 7 APPROVED _____ REJECTED X

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut this 2nd day of June 2015.

ATTEST: *Betsy M. Barrett*
Betsy M. Barrett
City Clerk

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on June 1, 2015, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood has funding in the amount of \$5,000 available for the Help Me Grow Campaign, and,

WHEREAS, The Help Me Grow Campaign provides developmental screening to help parents, pediatricians and others identify children who might be at risk of developmental delays or behavioral problems that can affect their ability to do well in school, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has applied for and has been approved for said funding to assist Norwich children ages birth to five years old,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL, that the Acting City Manager, John Bilda, is authorized to enter into contract for funding available through the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, on behalf of Norwich Youth & Family Services/Children First Norwich.

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut this 2nd day of June 2015.

ATTEST: 
Betsy M. Barrett
City Clerk

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on June 1, 2015, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Norwich that it confirms a regular meeting of the Council shall be held on Monday June 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers per Chapter V Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Norwich and the Council's resolution adopted June 7, 2010.

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut this 2nd day of June 2015.

ATTEST:



Betsy M. Barrett
City Clerk