

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
NORWICH FOR CHANGES IN THE DRAFT REPORT SUBMITTED  
BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

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**Chapter V. The Council**

**Sec. 2. - Officers (a) Mayor.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended that the mayor remain an "ex officio" member of all commissions and committees, but with a change in status from voting member to non-voting member. It also recommended omitting the position of the Economic Development Coordinator to assist in the performance of economic development duties.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response to the proposed change to Chapter V, Sec. 2, Officers (a) Mayor, recommends that the mayor should continue to be an "ex-officio" voting member of all commissions and committees, and that the position of Economic Development Coordinator remain in existence.

**Chapter V. The Council**

**Sec. 2. - Officers (b) Other officers.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended that the position of president pro tempore be abolished. In his place, the Council would be required to appoint a deputy mayor. The deputy mayor would be the alderman who has received the highest number of votes in the general municipal election.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response to the proposed change to Chapter V, Sec. 2, Officers (b) Other officers, concurs that the position of president pro tempore be abolished and replaced with the position of deputy mayor. Rather than being the alderman with the highest number of votes in the general municipal election, the deputy mayor would be the alderman appointed by the council by resolution.

## **Chapter VI. City Manager**

### **Sec. 4. – Power of appointment and removal.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended that the city manager be specifically given the power to restructure or reorganize any department appointed by him including the elimination, addition or separation of divisions of any department.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response to the proposed change to Chapter VI, Sec. 4, Power of appointment and removal, recommends that this proposed addition be deleted.

## **Chapter VIII. Borrowing**

### **Sec. 4. – Bonds and notes, how authorized.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended that certain general obligation bonds which are the subject of a payment agreement be excluded from the \$800,000 referendum provision of Chapter VIII section 4.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response to the proposed change to Chapter VIII, Sec. 4, Bonds and notes, how authorized, recommends that the recommendations of the Charter Revision Commission be adopted with one change. The Council of the City of Norwich recommends that the \$800,000 threshold amount that triggers the requirement that an ordinance be passed (in keeping with the provision of Chapter VIII section 4) be replaced with a threshold amount equal to 1% of the budget of the preceding year.

## **Chapter XIII. Public Welfare**

### **Sec. 1. – Board of education.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended that members of the Board of Education serve staggered four year terms.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response to the proposed change to Chapter XIII, Sec. 1, Board of education, recommends that members of the

board of education serve staggered terms for a period other than the proposed four year term.

## **Chapter V. The Council**

### **Sec. 1. – Members of the council (a) Composition.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended that no change be made to this section.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response that no change is made to Chapter V., Sec. 1 Members of the council (a) Composition, recommends that the Council members be each elected for a four year term.

## **Chapter V. The Council**

### **Sec. 1. – Members of the council (b) Compensation.**

The draft report of the Norwich Charter Revision Commission recommended no change be made to this section which includes a provision that compensation of each council member be fixed at \$1,200.

The Council of the City of Norwich, in response that no change be made to Chapter V., Sec. 1 Members of the Council (b) Compensation, recommends that the compensation of each of the council members be established by ordinance and in accordance with the provisions of Article eleventh, § 2, of the Connecticut constitution.