

**Charter Change Committee
Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Front Conference Room at 645 Pine St. and Remote
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Councilor Bergman (Chair), Councilor Carpenter

Staff Present: Erik Ramakrishnan (Assistant City Attorney)

Public Present: Evan Litwin (City Councilor)

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM.

1. Agenda

1.01 Motion to amend/adopt agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda as is.

Motion by Councilor Carpenter, Seconded by Councilor Bergman

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Adopt Draft Minutes from 10/1

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Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from October 1.

Motion by Councilor Carpenter, Seconded by Councilor Bergman

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum

No members of the public wanted to speak for this item.

4. Voter Approval of Local Redistricting

Motion to have the City Attorney's Office fill in the necessary blank dates in the draft resolution and to amend the tense of line 17 to reflect that the Committee will receive public comment, and to refer the resolution back to the City Council with the intention of placing the question on the 2025 Town Meeting Day ballot.

Motion by Councilor Carpenter, Seconded by Councilor Bergman

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

5. Residential Rental Notice Requirements

Evan Litwin (City Councilor) presented the history of the rental notice charter change through the CDNR Committee.

Councilor Carpenter said she preferred moving the notice period length to ordinance so that there is more flexibility in language, particularly with regards to subsidized housing.

Evan Litwin said that he discussed this issue with CEDO Director Brian Pine and he said it took up to 180 days at times to relocate tenants with Section 8 vouchers.

Motion to have the City Attorney's Office fill in any necessary blanks in the draft resolution, add an additional clause confirming the public warnings with the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, and to make note of the drafting process that occurred in the CDNR Committee, and to refer the resolution back to the City Council with the intention of placing the question on the 2025 Town Meeting Day ballot.

Motion by Councilor Carpenter, Seconded by Councilor Bergman

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

Councilor Bergman requested that the City Attorney's Office forward the finalized resolution to the Council President for inclusion on the full City Council's agenda.

6. Councilor Compensation

Councilor Bergman reported that he is working with Councilor Brown McKnight to create a survey for current and former councilors and school board members about the impediments to holding those elected positions.

7. Any Other Committee Business

Councilor Bergman said he is fine with having the gun control charter changes that were passed in 2014 to go directly to the full City Council for consideration.

Councilor Carpenter said she would like to have a ballot question about reaffirming the City's stance on the already-passed gun control charter changes.

Councilor Bergman requested a meeting with the Administration to detail the aspects of tax reform they are seeking guidance on.

Councilor Carpenter said that this tax reform may require a special committee or some other body to accomplish the work of studying the issue.

The next potential meeting will be 5:30 PM on November 21, location TBD.

8. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Councilor Bergman, without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

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