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EVERETT CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES
Sixth Meeting, Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 7:00 PM
Hearing Room B, City Hall Everett, MA

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Members present: Michael J. Bono, John F. Hanlon, Alfred J.F. Lattanzi, Dorothy Martin Long, Jason Marcus, Robert E. Sansone, Paul Schlosberg

Members absent: Joseph F. Hickey, Bennie P. Schiavo

Also Present: Curtis Withers, Michael P. Curran, Mark Reich

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2010 were accepted as amended by inserting the word "public" before the word "attendance" on agenda item #4 dated January 13, 2010. **Resolution/Sansone:** Be it resolved that the Charter Review Commission maintain a record of the attendance at our regular & Public Hearing meetings. **PASSED**

Resolution/Hanlon: The minutes that are accepted be put on City of Everett Web site. **PASSED**

Attorney Michael Curran spoke on his background and how Charters are developed.

Attorney Mark Reich also spoke on his background and how Charters are developed.

The discussion continued on bicameral vs. unicameral.

Resolution/Long: Be it resolved that the commission take a vote on changing from bicameral to unicameral, It was further amended to take a poll until all members are present to take a vote. **PASSED**

The poll results were six for unicameral (Michael J. Bono, Alfred J.F. Lattanzi, Dorothy Martin Long, Jason Marcus, Robert E. Sansone, Paul Schlosberg) and one for bicameral (John F. Hanlon)

Resolution/Hanlon: Be it resolved to refer the bicameral vs. unicameral poll to the next meeting for a vote. **PASSED**

Resolution/Hanlon: Be it resolved to the commission refer discussion of hiring a consultant to the next meeting based on the information received from the University of Massachusetts, Michael Curran and Mark Reich. **PASSED**

The Chair announced that the new office in City Hall is ready for occupancy.

The new email for the Charter Commission is chartercommission@ci.everett.ma.us. This email address will only become effective upon further notification from the Chair.

The commission was notified of the availability of \$5,000.00 in its account.

Resolution/Hanlon: Be it resolved that the Budget meeting shall be held on February 10, 2010 at 6:30 PM, Hearing room B, City Hall. **PASSED**

The Chair announced the members of the Budget Committee would be the following: Al Lattanzi (Chairman), John Hanlon and Dorothy Martin Long

Resolution/Sansone: Be it resolved that the Charter Commission compile a comparison chart of nearby communities & of those provided to us by Marilyn Contreas, policy analyst at the Dept. of Hearing & Community Development. **REFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

Resolution/Sansone: Be it resolved that the Charter Commission list possible sections/articles/categories that should be part of our Charter. **REFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

Resolution/Sansone: Be it resolved that the public testimony of Michael Matarazzo, L. Charles DiPerri, John Burley, Ronald Donofrio and Peter Napolitano be further discussed. **REFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

Resolution/Lattanzi: That the Charter Commission schedule meetings for April, May, and June as follows: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Hearing Room B, April 14th & 28th; May 12th & 26th; June 9th & 23rd; 2010. **PASSED**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Alfred J.F. Lattanzi, Charter Commission, Clerk
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