

**AGENDA**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

**June 23, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

**Electronic Meeting Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Executive Order 7B<sup>i</sup>**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE A 100% ELECTRONIC MEETING**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT MEMORIAL TOWN HALL WILL BE  
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**1. CALL OF THE MEETING AND TAKING OF THE ROLL**

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive testimony on proposed revisions to the Town Charter

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/4238/List-of-Proposed-Recommendations>

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Proposed Recommendations for Council Consideration Legislative Council Workshop - June 16, 2021

Section	Proposed Recommendation
§1-3	Errata correction (Town Attorney) – See body of Proposed Charter.
§3-3	Town Clerk should be an appointed official.
§3-4	Errata correction (Town Attorney) – See body of Proposed Charter.
§4-4	Finance Director: Make sure the hiring of the Legislative Council Clerk is consistent with CBA.
§5-2.D(1)	Legislative Council Member: How many contracts are enacted quarterly? Does this work better with purchasing?
§5-2.D(2)(a)	Finance Director: The Legislative Council should have discretion to modify the threshold figure for procurement exemptions.
§5-6	Chief Operating Officer – Review and take into account MERA, CVBAs and other departmental interactions in the Charter, including the direct relationship with the Chief elected official (C.G.S. §7-467(4)). Moreover, COO cannot perform union work
§5-6.B	Finance Director: The credential are artificial and the academic requirements are unnecessary
§5-6.B(1)(a)	Errata correction (Town Attorney) – See body of Proposed Charter.
§5-6.C(2)	Objection by Fire Chief to mandatory nature of Chief Operating Officer’s duties to “manage, administer, supervise, and “perform” duties “ under the authority of the Mayor” as an encroachment on the authority of the Fire Chief.
§5-6.C(2)(a) and (b)	Town Attorney) What is the difference and why is there specific oversight over police and fire? Review in the context with provisions pertaining to the fire chief, police chief, police commission and fire commission. Views are shared by the Finance Director.
§5-6.C(6)	Objection by Fire Chief to role of thee Chief Operating Officer in assisting the Mayor...in all aspects of labor negotiations, personnel issues” as an encroachment on the authority of the Fire Chief. Town Attorney says mayor represents the municipal employer in collective bargaining, which is correct..
§6-1	Town Clerk should be an appointed official.
§7-1.B(1)(a) and (b)	(Legislative Council Member) Legislative District representation should not be included. Support and evaluate diversity in location and other aspects of individual members
§7-1.B(4)	(Town Attorney) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision needs to take into account the event of a failure to obtain a quorum.</li> <li>• Errata: Notice should be in accord with Law.</li> </ul>
§7-1.B(5)	(Finance Director) . As assignment of Clerks is currently the repsonsibility of the Town Clerk.
§7-1.B(6)	Errata correction (Town Attorney) – See body of Proposed Charter.
§7-1.B(7)	(Town Attorney) – Post-meeting public comment may be burdensome and without any real effect.
§7-1.B(7)(b) (ii) and (iii)	(Town Attorney) – Make certain this complies with Law (FOIA)
§7-1.C	No limit on Boards and Commissions
§7-1.F(1) and G(2)	(Legislative Council Member) Remove legislative district representation.
§7-2.A(1) (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objection by Fire Chief on the basis that the role of the Finance</li> </ul>

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	<p>Commission min providing information on “costs and long-term tax burden” may “create several issues and under MERA and will subject the Town to potential labor action from the various municipal bargaining units. Naturally, I will defer to actual legal opinion in this area.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Attorney seeks compliance with MERA</li> </ul>
§7-2.A(1) (e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Engineer recommends reference to “capital” planning.</li> <li>• Finance Director seeks report every five years.</li> </ul>
§7-2.A(2)(f)	There should be lay members on the Commission
§7-2.D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Attorney urges further review of Police Commission provisions and take into account all department/commission interactions and (2) streamline language for clarity and understanding.</li> <li>• Legislative Council Question: How does the role of the Police Commission overlap with other Councils and Commissions in Town?</li> <li>• SPCP: Many of the ideas in the Charter are being addressed by the SPCP,</li> </ul>
§7-2.D(2) (b)(iii)	Citizen Advisory Groups – What does this Mean?
§7-2.D(2) (c)(ii)	What is “electronic access?”
§7-2.D(2) (e)	What is the purpose of budget review?
§7-2.D(2) (e)	Does our labor counsel support the collective bargaining oversight in this section?
§7-2.D(2) (j)	Budget amount should be removed
§7-2.E	Town Attorney wants to know why the Fire Commission was not addressed in a manner similar to the Police Commission and Library Board.
§7-2.L	<p>Town Attorney recommends reference be made to applicable federal and state laws and regulations as may be amended.</p> <p>Legislative Council member wants to know how the duties outlined work with other commissions and boards that already exist.</p>
§7-4.F(1)	Errata correction (Town Attorney) – See body of Proposed Charter.
§8-2	(Town Engineer) Department Heads should be terminated “for cause” only.
§8-4.C	Remove the word “Chief” form the position of Assessor. Note: the word is not in the Charter
§10-1	What is different about the Legislative Council Process given the role of the Finance Commission?
§10-1.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where does this position live in the budget (union position)?</li> <li>• Remove Budget Liaison</li> <li>• Duties of the budget liaison should be incorporated in the duties of the Finance Department</li> <li>• How does this position relate to the Finance Chair of the Legislative Council?</li> </ul>
§10-3.C	There should be annual funding of the capital budget
§10-3.G	There should be public inspection opportunities on the website.
§10-5.A(3)(b)	Capital funds should lapse at five years.
	Review notice/meeting/agenda/postings provisions

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