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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.

Virtual Web-ex Meeting

Meeting number (access code): 623 871 618
Meeting password: m2YmpBvtM87 (62967288 from phones and video systems)

Thursday, April 30, 2020
6:00 pm | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) | 2 hrs

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- 1. Call the meeting to order**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting**
- 3. Public Comment**

4. Discussion and possible vote on changes to the City Charter

- A. Amendment to Chapter 2.03 related to redistricting to prevent gerrymandering (Typographical correction to previously recommended Amendment) (Frias) [\[click to view\]](#)**
- B. Amendment proposing a new Chapter 6.20 related to the Rainy Day Fund (Clarification related to revenue loss from an emergency) (Frias). [\[click to view\]](#)**
- C. Amendment to Chapter 6.10 related to expansion of a mayor's veto power (Amendment to be recommended in the alternative to previously recommend Amendment) (sponsored by Mr. Frias) [\[click to view\]](#)**
- D. Amendment to Chapter 8.01 eliminating residency requirement for the city solicitor (Amendment sponsored by Mr. Reilly) [\[click to view\]](#)**
- E. Discussion as to possible amendment to Chapter 12 restricting issuance of debt (Cap debt as 3 percent of full assessed property value, Cap debt with pension and OPEB liability to 9% full assessed property value, and/or Require two-thirds approval of voters for issuance of debt).**

See R.I. Public Finance Management Board Debt Affordability Study 2019 [\[click to view\]](#) (pages 7-10)

See pertinent Massachusetts General Laws [\[click to view Ch. 44/Sect. 2\]](#)
[\[click to view Ch. 44/Sect. 7\]](#)

- F. Amendment proposing new Chapter 13.07 requiring creation of a “Citizens Guide to the Land Development Process” (Amendment sponsored by Mr. Reilly) [\[click to view\]](#)**

See Town of Richmond's Citizens Guide to the Land Development Process [\[click to view\]](#)

- G. Amendment proposing a new Chapter 13.08 requiring a pre-application community meeting (Amendment sponsored by Mr. Reilly) [\[click to view\]](#)**

See Prince George's County's Pre-Application Neighborhood Meeting. [\[click to view\]](#)

- H. Discussion as to other changes to Chapters 11 through 15 of the City Charter**

5. Scheduling of additional meetings and approval of minutes for this meeting

6. Discussion and vote as to which recommended Charter Amendments should be voted on in the 2020 general election and which should be voted on in a subsequent election.

7. Drafting and Submission of Commission Report to the City Council

8. Adjournment

Public comment can also be submitted electronically to Assistant City Clerk Rosalba Zanni at rzanni@cranstonri.org with a subject line indicating it is for the Charter Review Commission.

An electronic copy of the Cranston City Charter can be located at this link:

https://library.municode.com/ri/cranston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH