



CITY OF WORCESTER
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 5, 2018 6:30 PM

Levi Lincoln Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Present: District 5, Douglas Hannam, Chairperson
District 4, Jesse Gibson, Vice Chairperson
District 1, Martin Shanahan
District 3, Vanessa Valery
District 5, Talena Ngo
At-Large, Christine Greenawalt

Excused: District 1, Gerardo Schiano
District 2, Ken Asafo-Adjei
District 3, Davis Asare
District 4, Benetta Kuffour

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office
Pamela Callahan, Human Resources Department

1. Doug called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Doug asked if anyone had questions/comments about the minutes from 1/9/18.
3. Motioned was made to accept the minutes. Motion was 2nd and all in favor. Minutes approved.
4. Doug announced that the main purpose of the meeting was to develop a list of questions to give to the law department regarding the request from the Human Rights Commission to allow non-voting residents to participate on boards and commissions.
5. After discussion, it was determined that the following questions would be submitted to the Law Department.
 - a. Does the Charter require that only citizens can serve on boards and commissions?
 - b. Does the Charter draw any distinction between people of legal and non-legal statuses?
 - c. Does the CAC have the authority to impose its own rules as to whom it may consider?
 - d. Please provide the legal definitions of each of the following classifications, including which classifications have the legal right to vote:
 - i. Citizen
 - ii. Non-Citizen
 - iii. Permanent Resident

- iv. Individuals with authorization to:
 - 1. Work
 - 2. Attend School
- e. Are there any legal obligations regarding funding from grants etc. that would be impacted if the voter requirement were changed to allow nonvoters to serve on boards and commissions?
- f. Are there any other positions in the City in which one must be a registered voter, citizen, or resident? (City Council, Department head, etc.)
- g. Are college students considered residents?
- 6. Jesse asked if any of the other CAC rules and procedures should be reviewed.
 - a. Jeannie will send each CAC member a copy of the CAC rules and procedures as well as a copy of the City Charter with the boards/commissions sections highlighted.
- 7. If the answers are received from the Law Department prior to the March meeting, they will be provided and placed last on the March agenda and could be tabled for the April business meeting for a vote.
- 8. The next meeting is a selection meeting on **Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30pm** in the Esther Howland Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall.
- 9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

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Approved: 3/12/18 vote: 6-0