

Special meeting of Board of
Representatives concerning
Charter Revisions as recom-
mended by 3rd Charter Revision
Commission Held August 15, 1960

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives met on Monday August 15, 1960, at 9:00 P.M. in the Cafeteria of Dolan Junior High School, in response to a "Call" by the President, John R. Nolan.

The President, John R. Nolan, called the meeting to order at 9:00 P.M. (Note: This meeting was not broadcast)

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were: Paul Shapero, Raymond Mazza, Stanley Kulish, George Russell, John DeForest (out of country on business); and Jack McLaughlin.

The President read the following "Call" of the meeting:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
ROOM # 23, CITY HALL
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

August 9, 1960

I, JOHN R. NOLAN, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, for

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1960

At the Walter Dolan Jr High School
Cafeteria, Toms Road, Glenbrook

at 9:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the recommendations in the report of the
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, authorized by Resolution No. 322
adopted by this Board May 2, 1960.

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John R. Nolan, President
Board of Representatives

P.S. Please bring your copy
of the report with you.

The President directed Mr. Paul Callahan, Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee of the Board, to give his Committee report.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

MR. CALLAHAN asked the President to inquire if there were any questions in regard to the correction sheets that had been mailed to all Board members.

The President asked if everyone had received copies of the corrections. There being no voice to the contrary, the President directed that the Minutes show that copies of the correction sheets had been received by all members.

MR. CALLAHAN presented the following report of his Committee:

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with Public Act #465 of the General Assembly, Session of 1957, the Board of Representatives and your Charter Revision Committee held a public hearing on the report of the Third Charter Revision Commission, in the Burdick Junior High School auditorium, on Monday, August 1st, 1960. At that time 15 persons took the opportunity to speak on behalf or in opposition to the approved proposals of the Commission.

Following the hearing, your Committee met. Present were: Mr. Paul Callahan, Miss Rose Farina, Mr. Paul Shapero, Mr. Clyde O'Connell and ex officio member, Board President, Mr. John Nolan. Absent were: Messrs. George Connors and John DeForest. The Committee also met in the Mayor's office on Friday, August 12th. Present were: Mr. Paul Callahan, Miss Rose Farina, Mr. George Connors and Mr. Clyde O'Connell. Absent were: Messrs. Shapero and DeForest.

The Committee authorized its Chairman to present to the next Steering Committee meeting the Commission's recommendations Nos. 2, 3 and 4 on pages 4 and 5 of the report.

The Committee was in complete concurrence in the democratic processes and particularly the Home Rule Act, as applies to Charter Revision, whereby any affirmative action that it took and any affirmative action that this Board takes, is subjected to the entire electorate of our City.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations concerning the eight approved proposals submitted to this Board by the Charter Revision Commission.

Re: Proposal No. 1 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission)

MR. CALLAHAN said the Committee concurred in the following motion:

MR. CALLAHAN MOVED that Proposal No. 1, concerning the term of office for the Mayor, Town Clerk, and Board of Representatives be re-submitted to the Charter Revision Commission so as the Commission might re-draft the proposal whereby the Mayor, Town Clerk and the 40 members of the Board of Representatives shall run for a term of four years and that all the above mentioned City officials run for said four years at the same time and in the same election.

Mr. Ivler seconded Mr. Callahan's motion.

MR. HUIZINGA asked if this meant it would be presented for referendum at the next election.

The President explained that the Charter Revision Committee would confer with the Commission and it would be re-submitted to this Board, for final adoption.

MR. HUIZINGA inquired as to the difference between this proposal and the one submitted by the Charter Revision Commission.

The President explained the difference in this proposal rather than the one submitted by the Commission, meant that instead of having staggered terms for the members of the Board of Representatives, all running at various intervals of time, the term of office for the Mayor, Town Clerk and members of the Board of Representatives, would all run for the said four years at the same time and go out of office at the same time.

After another question, the President explained that the members have a choice of voting for Mr. Callahan's motion, which would return the matter to the Commission, or, if this is rejected, then the vote would be on the recommendations of the Charter Revision Commission as contained in their report to this Board under Proposal No. 1.

MR. HUIZINGA said he thought this would be such a "terrific" change in our form of government, that he thought the Board should make a very careful scrutiny of what it entails, before deciding. He said he was of the opinion it should be postponed for further study.

MR. CALLAHAN, through the Chair, informed Mr. Huizinga, that this was originally submitted through a member of the Minority faction, Mr. DeForest.

MR. IVLER said he thought there was merit in having the terms of office increased from two years to four, and having them take office at the same time. He said he could see no point in postponing this, as it would merely deprive the voters of voting on it in the next election.

MR. SCARELLA said he wanted to go on record as being against the motion. He said he agreed with Mr. Huizinga and that was that the Board does have to move slowly and consider this very carefully before acting. He said before making a drastic change such as this, it should be considered from every angle. He said he did not think Stamford needs a four year term at this time and that Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven and other cities seemed to be getting along very well with two year terms for their city officials. However, he said he was in favor of a two year term for the Mayor, with four year terms for members of the Board of Representatives on a staggered basis, in order to maintain continuity of the Board.

MR. BAKER said he was in favor of four year terms.

MR. HUIZINGA and Mr. Ivler spoke for a second time.

MR. MACRI MOVED the question.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that this matter be referred to the Charter Revision Commission for further study. Seconded by Mr. Philpotts.

The President said he would allow the motion, at the discretion of the Chair.

MR. IVLER rose to a point of order. He said he could not see where this motion differed from the motion already on the floor, except it was so abbreviated it did not make sense, and said he wanted to know the purpose of the motion.

MR. HUIZINGA explained his motion. He said he thought it should be sent back to be re-drafted and for further study by the Charter Revision Committee.

He was asked whether he meant the Charter Revision Commission or the Charter Revision Committee. He said he had meant to say the Committee and not the Commission.

The President clarified the motion. He said the motion was to refer this matter back to Committee, which takes precedence.

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion to refer this back to Committee. LOST by a vote of 1 in favor and 32 opposed, the Chair not voting.

The President stated the motion now before the Board was Mr. Callahan's motion to re-submit the recommendations of the Charter Revision Committee to the Commission.

STANDING VOTE taken on Mr. Callahan's motion. CARRIED by a vote of 29 in favor and 4 opposed, the Chair not voting.

Re: Proposal No. 2 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission) Concerning annual election of members of the Board of Education

MR. CALLAHAN said the Committee recommended approval of this proposal, which will read as follows:

Sec. 112. Election of Board of Education.

At each annual election any political party may nominate not more than two candidates for membership on the Board of Education, to hold office for a three year term, commencing on December first following the election. No voter shall vote for more than two candidates and the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected members of the Board of Education.

MR. CALLAHAN MOVED for approval of the above proposal and that it be placed on the ballot at the time of the next annual election, to be held this November 1960. Seconded by Mr. Macri.

MR. IVLER spoke in reference to the above motion and explained the reasons behind this recommended change in the Charter. He said he objected to the term "lame duck" session which had been used to describe members who were serving out their terms with the knowledge they had not been re-elected.

MR. HENRY NOLAN explained that the practice of the Board of Education had always been to invite newly elected members to sit in on Board meetings some months before they take office in order to be indoctrinated.

VOTE taken on Mr. Callahan's motion for approval of Proposal No. 2, as submitted by the Charter Revision Commission. CARRIED by a vote of 31 in favor, 2 opposed, the Chair not voting.

Re: Proposal No. 3 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission) Concerning the right of appeal to the Board of Representatives from decisions of the Planning and Zoning Boards

MR. CALLAHAN read from the report of the Charter Revision Commission containing the suggested revisions to the Charter, on pages 7 and 8 of aforesaid report.

MR. CALLAHAN MOVED for approval of the proposals of the Charter Revision Commission. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. CALLAHAN read from his Committee report at this time, as follows:

It was the unanimous feeling of your Committee that this proposal, being of great importance to this very Board and directly to each of its members, should not be voted on at a four-member Committee meeting, but rather presented to the entire Board for its consideration and subsequent action. Therefore, your Committee concurs with the remarks on page 7 of the report (of the Commission) and submits this proposal without a recommendation.

MR. IVLER spoke in favor of the recommendations of the Charter Revision Commission that appeals from decisions of the Planning & Zoning Boards not be taken to the Board of Representatives. He explained his reasons for his stand in this matter.

MR. MURPHY spoke in favor of keeping the right of appeal in the Board of Representatives.

MR. CALLAHAN spoke on behalf of rejecting the proposal. He said he believed in the rights of an individual of modest means or lower income in the City of Stamford to appeal to this Board in the event he is turned down by the Planning or Zoning Boards.

MR. BAKER spoke in favor of the right to appeal to this Board and said he wants no change.

MR. SCARELLA spoke in favor of rejecting the recommendation of the Commission. He said he wants to keep the power of appeal in this Board.

MR. BLOIS said he agreed with the three previous speakers.

MR. REBACK spoke in favor of rejecting the proposals of the Commission.

MR. HENRY NCLAN said he wished to reject the proposals of the Commission.

MR. KUCZO MOVED the question. Seconded by Mr. Blois and CARRIED.

The President explained the vote. He said a vote of "yes" is in favor of the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations to do away with the power of the Board of Representatives to receive and act upon appeals from decisions of the Planning and Zoning Boards; and a vote of "no" means you are in favor of keeping the power.

A RISING VOTE was taken on Mr. Callahan's motion for approval of the proposals contained in Proposal No. 3 of the Charter Revision Commission. LOST by a vote of 1 in favor, 32 opposed, the Chair not voting.

Re: Proposal No. 4 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission Concerning
dates and schedules for preparation of annual Budget

MR. CALLAHAN read the suggested changes in the Charter as contained in Proposal No. 4 of the Charter Revision Commission report.

MR. CALLAHAN said the Committee recommends that these proposals be approved by this Board and placed on the ballot at the time of our national election to be held this November, 1960, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Carey and Mr. Reback.

MR. IVLER spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

MR. REBACK also spoke in favor of these proposals.

A RISING VOTE was taken on Mr. Callahan's motion to APPROVE the following Charter changes, as outlined in the report of the Charter Revision Commission, contained in Proposal No. 4. CARRIED by unanimous vote; the revised sections of the Charter will read as follows:

Sec. 610. Preparation of General Estimates.

The Commissioner of Finance shall, on or before the 10th day of December of each year, furnish the head of each department, board, and agency, forms for his budgetary requests for the ensuing year, based upon a uniform object classification established by the Controller. Each such official shall prepare his budgetary requests upon such forms and submit them to the Commissioner of Finance on or before the 10th day of January, and on the 15th day of March the Commissioner of Finance shall transmit the same to the Mayor.

Sec. 611. Department Estimates for Capital Projects Program

The Mayor shall fix a date not later than the 15th day of December each year on which the head of each department, board and agency shall submit to the Planning Board and to the Commissioner of Finance a detailed estimate of all capital projects pending or which, in his opinion, should be undertaken within the six succeeding fiscal years. These estimates shall be known as "Departmental estimates for Capital Projects", shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Planning Board and shall contain all information that may be required by the Planning Board, by the Commissioner of Finance, or by law or Ordinance. These departmental estimates for capital projects shall be public records and open for inspection at reasonable times.

Sec. 611.1 Report of Commissioner of Finance.

On or before the 5th day of January the Commissioner of Finance shall report to the Board of Finance and to the Mayor the amount and nature of the expenditures which, in his opinion, the City may safely incur for capital projects during each of the six succeeding fiscal years, and the estimated effect of such expenditures upon the current budgets for each of those years, together with his recommendations in relation thereto.

Sec. 611.2 Certificate of the Board of Finance.

On or before the 20th day of January the Board of Finance shall transmit

to the Planning Board the report made by the Commissioner of Finance pursuant to Section 611.1 together with its Certificate of the amount and nature of expenditures, which, in its opinion, the City may safely incur for capital projects in the ensuing fiscal year, with the recommendations as to the method of financing such capital projects as may be included in the budget for that year.

Sec. 611.4 Submission of Proposed Capital Program

The Planning Board shall thereupon prepare its capital budget and submit it to the Mayor on or before the 1st day of March. The Mayor may, in his discretion, revise this budget, but he may include therein any new projects without first submitting them to the Planning Board. If the Planning Board is opposed to such new project, that fact shall be recorded by the Mayor when submitting his recommendations to the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives.

Sec. 612. The Mayor's Budget.

On or before the 1st day of April the Mayor shall submit his budget to the Board of Finance. The budget shall consist of the capital projects budget and the current operating budget. The capital projects budget shall include the following information: (1) A detailed estimate of the cost of each proposed project listed according to the department, board or agency of the City principally concerned with the project; (2) a statement as to any offsetting reimbursements, such as state or federal grants anticipated in connection with the project; (3) a recommendation, at the discretion of the Mayor, which will not be binding on the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives, as to the method of financing any recommended project; (4) such comparison with any prior year's appropriation for capital projects as the Mayor considers advisable or the Board of Finance shall have requested; (5) any other information the Mayor believes to be pertinent or which is requested by the Board of Finance.

The current operating budget shall contain the following information: (1) A detailed estimate of the expense of conducting each department, board and agency of the City for the ensuing fiscal year; (2) the expenditures for corresponding items for the last preceding year, appropriations, plus transfer and additions to March 1st for corresponding items, as compared with proposed appropriations for the ensuing year, with the reason for increases and decreases; (3) the value of supplies and materials on hand at the date of the preparation of the departmental estimates; (4) the total amount of the town and city debt outstanding, with a schedule of maturities of bond issues; (5) the amount required for interest on the town and city debt, and for maturing serial bonds and other maturing obligations, and other fixed charges; (6) an itemization of all anticipated revenue from sources other than taxes, and the average annual income from each source for the past five years. The budget shall also show an estimate of the amount of money to be raised by taxes and service charges, with revenue from other sources, to meet the proposed expenditures, the amount required to meet deficiencies in the current fiscal year and any other information the Mayor believes to be pertinent or which is requested by the Board of Finance.

Sec. 613. Budget Approval by the Board of Finance

The Board of Finance may approve, reject or lower any item in the budget, and shall on or before the 20th day of April transmit the budget as revised by it to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives. Any item not rejected or revised by the Board of Finance shall be deemed approved by it. With respect to the capital projects budgets, the Board of Finance shall show the amount it proposes to raise through current taxation and the amount remaining for which bonds would be required with respect to each project.

Sec. 615. Action on Board of Education Budget.

Not later than the 15th day of March the Board of Education shall submit its budget for the next fiscal year to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance shall take final action on the budget on or before the 20th day of April and shall immediately transmit the same to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives. The Board of Finance shall have the power to approve, reject or lower any item in the budget which is not for a purpose within the statutory provisions imposing a duty upon the Board of Education or within provisions which vest the Board of Education with a discretion to be independently exercised. It may not reject, but may only approve, any item for a purpose which the statutes make it the duty of the Board of Education to effectuate or which vests in the Board of Education a discretion to be independently exercised by it, but it may reduce such item if it exceeds the amount reasonably necessary for the accomplishment of the purpose, taking into consideration along with the educational needs of the City its financial condition and other expenditures it is necessary to make. The Board of Representatives shall have the same powers as the Board of Finance with respect to the Board of Education budget. It shall receive the budget from the Board of Finance not later than the 20th day of April and shall complete its action thereon not later than the 15th day of May. All appropriations granted to this Board shall be expended in its discretion.

Sec. 616. Public Hearings.

The Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives shall jointly hold public hearings on budgets as proposed by the Mayor and Board of Education. These hearings shall be held on or before the 17th day of April after three days' public notice.

Sec. 617. Fixing of Tax Rates.

On or before the 25th day of May the Board of Finance shall determine and fix the tax rates and service charges upon the taxable estate in each of the tax districts of Stamford, such tax to be fixed and determined upon such estate within Stamford contained in the assessments as finally completed, to an amount sufficient, together with other funds available for the purpose to meet and provide for all appropriations made for the current fiscal year; to meet any deficiency in funds arising from uncollected taxes previously laid or legal abatements previously made of taxes; service charges or special assessments; and to meet and provide for the payment of any item or items of

indebtedness which may become due and payable during such fiscal year, such as the principal of bonds, interest, payments into sinking funds and other obligations, for the payment of which no other provision has been made and for the payment of any other items said board shall deem proper. Should any special or further appropriations be made in any fiscal year after the tax rate for that year has been fixed as herein provided, said board may lay a special tax in like manner as provided for laying the regular tax. If such special tax shall not be laid to provide funds for such further appropriations, then an amount sufficient to provide such funds shall be included in the regular Stamford tax for the fiscal year next ensuing.

Re: Proposal No. 5 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission) Concerning regular meeting dates for the Board of Finance

MR. CALLAHAN said the Committee recommends approval of the following recommendations as submitted by the Charter Revision Commission and MOVED that they be placed on the ballot at the time of the next national election to be held this November, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Roback and CARRIED unanimously.

Sec. 651. Meetings.

The Board of Finance shall hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The Mayor or any two of its members may call a special meeting by causing a written notice thereof, specifying the time, place and purpose of the meeting, to be served upon each member personally, or left at his usual place of abode, in either case at least twenty-four hours before the time fixed for such meeting, or forwarded by mail directed to his place of business, if within the City of Stamford, or residence at least seventy-two hours before the time fixed for such meeting. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting which is not within the purpose of the call. No action taken at any special meeting shall be invalid because of any inadvertent defect in the service of the notice thereof.

Sec. 651.1 Change of Meeting Date.

The Board may, by resolution, change the time for holding regular meetings, provided that such resolution calls for at least one regular meeting to be held each month at least two weeks prior to the monthly meeting held by the Board of Representatives pursuant to Sections 202 and 202.1 hereof.

Re: Proposal No. 6 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission) Concerning Personnel Commission and membership of Appointive Boards

MR. CALLAHAN said his Committee recommends approval of this. He MOVED for approval of the following Charter revision and that it be placed on the ballot at the time of the next national election, to be held this November 1960. Seconded by Mr. Meyers.

Sec. 731. Organization of the Personnel Commission.

(a) There shall be five members of the Personnel Commission. The members shall be electors of Stamford, appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Board of Representatives. On December 1st, 1960, the Mayor shall appoint five members to the Personnel Commission,

one for a term of five years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years and one for a term of one year. Every subsequent December 1st, the Mayor shall appoint a member for the expired term. These appointments shall be for a five-year term. The Mayor shall, on December 1st, 1960, reappoint the two incumbent Personnel Commission members to complete the terms of their present appointments. Each member of the Personnel Commission shall hold office until his successor is appointed and has qualified. No member of the Personnel Commission shall be an officer of a political party or shall hold any other public office. (b) A member of the Personnel Commission shall be removable by the Mayor only for incompetency, misconduct or neglect of duty, after written charges and an opportunity to be heard publicly thereon upon his written request. A copy of the charges and a transcript of the record of the hearing shall be filed with the City Clerk within a reasonable time. (c) Members of the Personnel Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses. (d) The Personnel Commission shall elect one of its members Chairman. It shall meet at such times and places as shall be specified by call of the Chairman or Mayor. At least one meeting shall be held each month, except in the months of July or August. All meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of each meeting shall be given, in writing, to each member by the Director. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (e) One member of said Commission shall be appointed from a list of three members of the classified service nominated by the members of such service at a meeting. The other four members of the Commission shall be known to be in sympathy with the merit principle as applied to Civil Service, shall neither hold nor be a candidate for any political office or position and shall not be a member of any local, state or national committee of a political party or an officer in any political partisan club or organization and no more than two of said remaining four members of the Commission shall be members of the same political party.

Sec. 501. Appointive Board Members.

Each appointed board shall consist of five members, except the board of Public Safety and the Public Welfare Commission, each of which shall consist of three members. All members shall be resident electors of the municipality and not more than a bare majority of the members of any board shall be registered members of the same political party.

MR. SCARELLA spoke against the motion.

MR. CONNORS agreed with Mr. Scarella.

MR. IVLER spoke in support of the Commission's recommendations.

MR. MEYERS spoke in favor of this proposal.

MR. BLOIS MOVED the question.

VOTE on Mr. Callahan's motion. CARRIED, with a vote of 26 in favor, 6 opposed, with one abstention and the Chair not voting.

Re: Proposal No. 7 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission) Concerning appeals to Personnel Board of Appeals (of Board of Representatives) by aggrieved classified service employees.

MR. CALLAHAN presented the following suggested Charter change as recommended by the Commission:

Sec. 740.1 Appeals

If any member of the classified service is aggrieved by a decision of the Personnel Commission concerning allocation or reallocation of his position, he may, within fifteen (15) days of the action of said Commission, appeal in writing to the Personnel Board of Appeals created by Section 204.3 of this Charter for a hearing on the findings or action of said Commission, to be conducted in the same manner as provided in Section 740 governing appeals in cases of suspension, demotion or dismissal of members of the classified service.

MR. CALLAHAN said his Committee recommends REJECTION of the above proposal by this Board. He said the Committee feels that adequate machinery is now in existence to provide for appeals governing job classification and that this Board should not be burdened further with these appeals that justifiably belong to the Personnel Commission.

In order to bring this matter before the Board for a vote, MR. CALLAHAN MOVED for approval of the above proposal as presented by the Charter Revision Commission. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

The President explained that any member could abstain from voting if he so chose. He said a vote in favor meant the power would be given to the Board of Representatives' Personnel Board of Appeals to take appeals by aggrieved classified employees and a vote against means things will stay as they are presently - they will not hear appeals on these matters.

Several members requested this be explained further. Mr. Ivler asked to hear again the Committee recommendations.

The President explained the Committee recommends that the Board REJECT the proposed amendment to the Charter. Mr. Callahan read from his Committee report once again.

MR. HUIZINGA said he was a little confused when the Committee recommended rejection of the proposal and then the Chairman of the Committee moved that it be approved.

The President explained that this was done merely to bring it on the floor and did not imply that either the Chairman or his Committee was in favor of the proposal.

MR. SACRELLA asked if this Board had received a ruling from the Corporation Counsel on the interpretation of the Charter on this matter.

The President explained that such a ruling had been received and it stated that under the present provisions of the Charter regarding the Personnel Board of Appeals' jurisdiction that this Board does not have the right to hear appeals from aggrieved employees in cases such as provided in proposal #7 above outlined.

VOTE taken on Mr. Callahan's motion to approve Proposal No. 7. LOST by a vote of one in favor, (Mr. Scarella) 32 opposed, with the Chair not voting.

Re: Proposal No. 8 (As submitted by the Charter Revision Commission) Concerning one time use of Veterans Preference Points in Civil Service examinations.

MR. CALLAHAN presented the following Charter revision, as submitted by the Charter Revision Commission:

Sec. 741 Veterans' Preference.

Any person who has served in time of war in the army, navy, marine corps or coast guard of the United States and has been honorably discharged therefrom shall be entitled to have added to his rating in any ONE examination held under the provisions of this chapter, ten points on a scale of one hundred if he is eligible for disability compensation or pension from the United States through the Veterans Administration, or five points on a scale of one hundred if he is not so eligible, provided that he shall be within the age limit specified for appointment to the position or class of position for which the examination is held, is physically capable of performing the duties of such position and attains in the examination without such added points, the minimum rating prescribed for passage of such examination. The application of preference points must be declared at time of application and may apply either for entrance, promotion or other examination.

Examinations administered prior to the effective date of this revision and the ratings achieved thereon, including any preferential points used in scoring such examinations, shall be excluded from the meaning of this revision as it pertains to the one-time use of such preferential points.

MR. CALLAHAN said the Committee recommends APPROVAL by this Board of the above proposed Charter revision and that it be placed on the ballot at the time of our national elections, to be held this November 1960 and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Sileo.

MR. IVLER asked, through the Chair, for an explanation of the meaning of the last paragraph of the above proposed Charter revision.

Mr. Callahan explained that this meant it could not be retroactive - that any veteran who has previously used these points would not be excluded from the one-time use of these points under the provisions of the proposed Charter revision.

MR. BLOIS spoke in favor of keeping the point system as it now stands.

MR. MEYERS spoke in opposition to the motion. He said he had no interest whatsoever in the outcome, personally.

MR. MEYERS MOVED to amend that Proposal No. 8 be resubmitted to the Charter Revision Committee for further study. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. CALLAHAN rose to a point of order. He explained that this cannot be referred back to Committee for any changes to be made. He said the only changes that can be made in any of the proposals submitted to this Board by the Charter Revision Commission have to be made by the Commission and not the Committee.

MR. MEYERS corrected his motion to read "MOVED to amend that Proposal No. 8 be re-submitted to the Charter Revision Commission for further study." Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. IVLER spoke on Mr. Meyers' motion. He said that although he is a veteran and also has a disability, he is in favor of the recommendations of the Charter Revision Commission. He explained the reasons why he believed this proposal as recommended by the Commission should be approved.

MR. BAKER asked a question. He wanted to know who submitted this proposal originally. He was informed that it was Mr. Deforest; and also a member of the Police Dept., George Melfi.

MR. CALLAHAN said that during the public hearing there were some who spoke in opposition to this proposal and yet, speaking as an individual, earlier, before the first hearing, had come out in favor of the proposal.

MR. BAKER spoke in opposition to the motion to recommit.

MR. SCARELLA also spoke in opposition to recommitment.

MR. MULREED MOVED that only extra points be given to disabled veterans. There was no seconder to this motion.

MR. GERONIMO MOVED to amend that veterans be allowed to use their preferential points twice and no more. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. MEYERS spoke against Mr. Geromino's amendment.

VOTE taken on Mr. Geronimo's motion. LOST.

After a great deal of further debate, the President was requested to clarify the issue before the Board. He explained that the motion now on the floor was Mr. Meyers' motion that Proposal No. 8 be resubmitted to the Charter Revision Commission for further study.

VOTE taken on Mr. Meyers' motion. LOST.

A great deal of debate took place at this time in regard to the original motion of Mr. Callahan.

The President explained that the motion now before the Board was Mr. Callahan's motion to approve Proposal No. 8 as submitted by the Charter Revision Commission.

VOTE taken on Mr. Callahan's motion. CARRIED by a vote of 26 in favor, 7 opposed, the Chair not voting.

Re: Authorization of Charter Revision Committee to act for the Board

MR. CALLAHAN MOVED that the Charter Revision Committee of this Board be authorized to act for the Board in conferences with the members of the Charter Revision Commission. Seconded by Mr. Reback, and Mr. Scarella. CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Proposals Rejected by Charter Revision Commission - No. 3, concerning making the "Executive Branch" of City Government appointive by the Mayor

MR. IVLER MOVED that this matter be referred back to the Charter Revision Commission for further consideration and a more detailed study. Seconded by Mr. Palmer.

MR. CALLAHAN stated that under the proposals that were rejected by the Charter Revision Commission, items Nos. 2, 3 and 4 would be presented at the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

MR. SCARELLA spoke in opposition to Mr. Ivler's motion.

MR. HUIZINGA said he opposed Mr. Ivler's motion.

MR. PALMER said he thought this was of such importance that it ought to be reconsidered.

MR. IVLER requested that this be added to the items that will be referred by the Charter Revision Committee to the Steering Committee of this Board.

MR. CALLAHAN said, as Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee he would be very nappy to present this along with other items that they intend to present to the Steering Committee at its next meeting, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Ivler.

VOTE taken on whether or not this should be done. CARRIED.

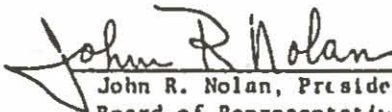
ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Mr. Mulreed, seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

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Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:


John R. Nolan, President
Board of Representatives

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John R. Nolan President