

Charter Review Committee agenda Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Hearing Room 18, 210 Main St., Northampton, MA 01060

1. Approval Of Minutes For July 16, 2019, Meeting
2. Discussion With D. Wesley Slate Jr., Beverly City Clerk And Secretary Of The Massachusetts City Clerks Association
3. Public Comment
4. Updates From Committee Members
5. Discussion With Wayne Feiden, Northampton Director Planning & Sustainability
6. Report By Under-Represented Communities Subcommittee
7. Further Discussion And Vote On Proposals To Extend Conflict Of Interest To Immediate Family Members In Article 3 (Executive Branch) Section 3-1 (Mayor: Qualifications; Term Of Office; Compensation; Prohibitions) With Added Sentence: No Immediate Family Member Of The Mayor Shall Hold A Compensated City Position; And Article 5 (Other Elected Officials) Section 5-4 (Superintendents Of Smith's Agricultural School) With Added Sentence: No Immediate Family Member Of A Smith's Agricultural School Superintendent Shall Hold Another Compensated Position Within The Smith Agricultural School Department.
8. Further Discussion And Vote On Revision To Recommended Changes In Article 3 (Executive Branch) Section 3-9 (Vacancy In Office Of Mayor) (See Attachment1)

Documents:

[ATTACHMENT1 8-20 \(SECTION 3-9 VACANCY IN OFFICE OF MAYOR\).PDF](#)

9. Adjourn

SECTION 3-9 VACANCY IN OFFICE OF MAYOR

- a) If a vacancy in the office of mayor occurs, the city council president shall serve as mayor until a mayor is elected and qualified under this section. In the event that the city council president is unable to serve as mayor under this subsection, the city council shall elect, from among its membership, a person to serve as mayor. The city council president or other councilor elected by the city council hereunder shall take office immediately upon such vacancy.
- b) Upon a vacancy in the office of mayor, the city council shall, under section 8-1, order a special election to be held within 90 days following the date the vacancy is created to fill that vacancy until the next regular city election. The person elected at a special city election shall be sworn to office immediately.
- c) Upon the adoption of an order for a special election under subsection b, the city clerk shall set the special election calendar as follows: nomination papers shall be made available within 7 days of the vacancy; nomination papers shall be filed with the board of registrars of voters within 28 days of the vacancy; the board of registrars shall certify such nomination papers within 30 days of the vacancy and the candidate shall file such certified nomination papers with the city clerk within 35 days of the vacancy; a preliminary election shall be held within 65 days of the vacancy, if required; a special election shall be held within 90 days of the vacancy.
- d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b, no special election shall be ordered if the vacancy occurs in month sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, forty, forty-one, or forty-two of the term for which the mayor was elected. In such case, the city council president or other councilor elected by the city council shall serve as mayor until the next regular city election. The person elected at such regular city election shall be sworn to office immediately and shall serve a four-year term.
- e) Any person serving as mayor under this section shall receive the compensation then in effect for the office of mayor.