

CITY OF STAMFORD  
19<sup>TH</sup> CHARTER REVISION  
COMMISSION  
CITY DEPARTMENTS COMMITTEE

Clemon Williams, Chair

Members

Frances Lane

Thomas Lombardo

JR McMullen

Anthony Pramberger

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

**7:00pm**

*This meeting will be conducted remotely and can be accessed by  
computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85800400337>  
or at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) – Webinar ID 858 0040 0337  
or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656 – Webinar ID 858 0040 0337*

1. Call to Order Meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Discuss revised Preamble language, See Attachment A, and whether it obviates the need to change in the Charter for the following items:

General Charter Changes	Consider including compliance with the ADA and accessibility throughout Charter including venues for meetings;	Charge §10.c
General Charter Changes	Consider including compliance with the ADA and accessibility throughout Charter including Government postings;	Charge §10.d
General Charter Changes	Consider including compliance with the ADA and accessibility throughout Charter including Documents;	Charge §10.e

General Charter Changes	Consider including compliance with the ADA and accessibility throughout Charter including Interpreters; and	Charge §10.f
General Charter Changes	Consider including compliance with the ADA and accessibility throughout Charter including Closed captioning	Charge §10.g

4. Discuss the following:

§ C5-20-3	City Departments/Legal	Review whether the Board of Representatives, Board of Education and Board of Finance should have their own legal counsel
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For this we will consider the language provided by Attorney Mednick, See Attachment B

5. Discuss attached language for residency requirement for certain Pay Plan positions. (See Attachment C)
6. We will hold discussion on what we want to do on the modernize and digitizing City records to expand public access to these records, including (but not limited to) the voting records of elected officials. (§.C2-10-7a0)
7. Discuss the need to clarify the ordinance process to require that draft ordinances must be published, and a public hearing be held by Committee prior to approval by committee and clarify when a second public hearing must be held if a draft ordinance is revised. (§.C2-10-12)
8. Any new business
9. Adjournment

## Attachment A

Preamble:

Current:

### PREAMBLE

[SHARE LINK TO SECTIONPRINT SECTIONDOWNLOAD \(DOCX\) OF SECTIONEMAIL SECTIONCOMPARE VERSIONS](#)

The Citizens of the City of Stamford shall have all the rights, privileges and protections provided by the City Charter and all Federal and State law, to include:

1.

The right to an open and accessible government including reasonable access to City records and information and reasonable access to City officials and employees to conduct business with the City.

2.

Subject to State law, the right to observe meetings and hearings of all City Boards, Commissions and Committees and to make reasonable public comment at public hearings.

3.

The right to have elected and governmental employees conduct business in accordance with the City Code of Ethics.

(Referendum 11-6-2012)

Here is some language that can be added to the Preamble:

The multiracial and multiethnic nature of our city is our strength. We honor and respect the cultures, languages,, and histories of all who call and have called Stamford home, and we celebrate the revolutionary imagination, courage, and resiliency of our citizenery.

Consequently, all residents and visitors to the City of Stamford shall have an equal opportunity to participate fully in the economic, cultural, and intellectual life of the City and to have an equal opportunity to participate in all activities. To this end, discrimination is prohibited based on race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, military status, blindness, or physical or mental disability.

The provisions of this Charter shall help ensure that all people living in our city are fully and responsibly represented, including democrats, republicans, and unaffiliated voters. That the city is committed to diversity and inclusion in all municipal functions and will protect the human, civil,

and voting rights of every citizen. The City of Stamford condemns all form of prejudice that assumes that the members of racial categories have distinctive characteristics and that these difference result in some racial groups being inferior to others. The city is committed to providing a safe, clean, and healthy environment for its citizens, employees, and visitors and to taking measures to protect them against external and internal threats or bigotry, be they physical or cyber. As a waterfront community whose wellbeing is inextricably tied to that of sustainability of the Long Island Sound, the city shall commit to a healthy, sustainable, and resilient environment and to safeguard against the effects of adverse weather and sea level rise.