

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Cathleen Simpson, Chair; George Estrada, Vice-Chair; Charles Valentino; Reuben Felipe; Rev. Marshall; Harry Weichsel;

**ABSENT:** Florisca Carter

**OTHER:** Attorney Steven Mednick, Attorney Ed Malley

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Simpson called the meeting to order at 5:46. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2012**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER VALENTINO MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2012**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER ESTRADA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\*THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2012 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REVIEW OF CHARTER CHAPTERS 1-8 AND UPDATE AND PRESENTATION  
BY COUNCIL REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES AND SCHEDULE**

Chairman Simpson said that Commissioners Felipe and Marshall would be arriving late to the meeting and mentioned that Commissioner Carter had another obligation. Attorney Mednick said that he had updated the section concerning emergency powers and Commissioner Estrada had expressed concerns about another issue. Attorney Mednick said that Attorney Malley would be looking at some language regarding the reapportioning process. Attorney Mednick said that he would review the changes that they had talked about earlier. Discussion followed on the standards for physical and mental incapacity.

*Commissioners Felipe and Marshall joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.*

Attorney Mednick noted that removal from office requires that the mayor conducts a hearing and following a hearing determination two thirds of the full council must vote for removal. Discussion about the details of this then followed. The discussion centered on the conditions that would require removal from office. Commission Felipe pointed out that this would affect people who are elected officials. Attorney Mednick pointed out that it would only trigger the removal process. A lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Estrada asked for clarification on an issue on page 31 regarding city ordinances and private acts. Chairman Simpson said that, due to Commissioner Carter's absence, they would table a number of matters until they could get her input. This was agreeable to all.

The discussion then moved to mayoral appointments. The commission discussed the phrase 'serving at the pleasure by the mayor' and those employees covered by civil service. The discussion then moved to pages 69 through 71. The discussion then moved to a review of the mayor's emergency powers. Regarding boards and commissions Attorney Mednick reminded everyone that there was only one commission required by the charter and that is the Ethics Commission. Attorney Mednick then asked how many boards and commissions should be codified in the charter. They will be adding the Board of Education to the list. There was some review about the upcoming public hearing.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER VALENTINO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ESTRADA.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
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