Charter Review Committee revised agenda for
Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Hearing Room 18
210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

- Approval of March 19, 2019, minutes
- Public comment
- Clarify purpose of Attachment 1-Related Laws
- Discuss and vote on four possible changes to:
  1. Section 2-2 (b) Powers and Duties: The president shall prepare the agenda for City Council meetings in consultation with the mayor and city clerk. (Remove phrase and city clerk.)
  2. Section 2-6 (c-iv) Rules of procedure: A full, accurate, up-to-date account of the proceedings of the City Council shall be maintained by the city clerk ... (Replace city clerk with administrative assistant to the City Council and add following sentence to end of this section: The city clerk maintains archived records of the proceedings of the City Council.)
  3. Section 2-10 (City Council confirmation of certain appointments): The City Council shall refer each name submitted to a standing committee of the council, which shall review each candidate for appointment and shall make a recommendation to the full City Council not less than 7 nor more than 45 days after the referral. (Remove phrase less than 7 nor and add except during July and August to the end of the sentence.)
  4. Section 5-2 Trustees Under the Will of Charles E. Forbes: Vacancies shall be filled in a like manner as a city clerk vacancy. (Replace in a like manner as a city clerk vacancy with by unanimous vote of the remaining trustees for a temporary appointee to serve until the next municipal election.)
- Discussion of issues raised by residents and city officials March 19:
  1. Replace mayor with city manager
  2. Remove mayor’s veto power from Section 3-6
  3. Establish term limits for all elected positions
  4. Change terms for city councilors and School Committee members to three years and elect on a staggered schedule
  5. Create an appointed, independent ombudsperson who responds to citizen complaints
  6. Allow City Council to hire its own legal counsel
- Details of April 30 public forum on election issues
- Adjourn