

**Charter Review Committee agenda**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall Hearing Room 18**  
**210 Main St., Northampton, MA 01060**

1. Approval Of Minutes For Aug. 20, 2019, Meeting
2. Public Comment
3. Updates From Committee Members
4. Comments By Northampton School Committee Members And Smith Vocational And Agricultural High School Trustees About Prohibiting The Hiring Of Immediate Family Members
5. Further Discussion And Vote On Proposals To Extend Conflict Of Interest To Immediate Family Members In Article 4 (School Committee) Section 4-3 (Prohibitions) With Added Sentence: No Immediate Family Member Of A Member Of The School Committee May Be Hired By The Northampton School Department While Such Relative Is Serving On The School Committee; And Article 5 (Other Elected Officials) Section 5-4 (Superintendents Of Smith's Agricultural School) With Added Sentence: No Immediate Family Member Of A Trustee Of Smith Vocational And Agricultural High School May Be Hired By Smith Vocational And Agricultural High School While Such Relative Is Serving As A Trustee Of That School.
6. Further Discussion And Vote On Revision To Recommended Changes In Article 3 (Executive Branch) Section 3-9 (Vacancy In Office Of Mayor) (See Attachment 1)

Documents:

[ATTACHMENT1 9-03 \(SECTION 3-9 VACANCY IN OFFICE OF MAYOR\) REV AS 8-19.PDF](#)

7. Further Discussion And Vote On Possible Recommendation To Make The City Clerk An Appointed Rather Than Elected Position
8. Discussion Of Process For Writing The Committee's Report
9. Schedule Of Fall Meetings: Sept. 17 (Preliminary Election Ward 7), Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 5 (Election Day), Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 17
10. 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) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b, no special election shall be ordered if the vacancy occurs in month forty-seven or forty-eight of the term for which the mayor was elected and the mayor will not be serving another term. OPTION 1: In such case, the city council president or other councilor elected by the city council shall serve as mayor until the mayor-elect is sworn to office. OPTION 2: In such case, the mayor-elect shall be sworn to office immediately and shall serve the remainder of the mayoral term and the four-year term for which such person was elected.
- e) Any person serving as mayor under this section shall receive the compensation then in effect for the office of mayor.