

Charter Public Hearing

September 3, 2026

Mayor Ufford-chase called the first of two Public Hearings to order at 6:00pm

The City Council, Charter Taskforce, and the public discussed and made the following changes to the proposed Charter.

Section 6

A (3)

Mr. Monette moved to strike a (3) from section 6. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

D (1) Ms. Carter moved to remove the word they. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Section 7

The council will come back to section 7 at the next hearing.

Section 8

Mr. Monette moved to make the first sentence the lead sentence. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Mr. Monette moved to make the next three sentences beginning with the Mayor, A, B, and C. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Mr. Monette moved to change B and c to D and E. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Mr. Monette moved to change the last sentence to read in the absence of the Mayor the President of the council shall act as Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Section 9

The Taskforce will remove all references to gender.

Section 11

Justices of the Peace will be capitalized.

Section 12

Mr. Monette moved that in the lead sentence replace herein with in this charter. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Section 13

There should be a double space between sub-sections.

In sub-section G, Mr. Monette moved to change budget to budgets and change budgeting to budget. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

In sub-section J, Mr. Monette moved that the section read all warrants approved by the City Council. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Sub-section F, Ms. Finegan moved to remove the word reasonably. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Section 14

Mr. Monette moved to remove the word City before assessor and capitalize assessor in the first and second sentences. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Old Section-18

Attorney Smith will research this section to see if it's needed.

Section 15

Sub-Section E, Mr. Monette moved to add May be aided by a committee or member of the Taskforce appointed by the City Council shall ensure. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Section 16

In Sub-section D, Mr. Monette moved to replace the word users with Customers. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

In sub-section A, MR. Monette moved to change the last sentence to read Powers include oversight of the operation, maintenance, and repair and managing. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Section 17

In sub-section (a) 1, Ms. Finegan moved to add Tele-Communications after sewer. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Section 18

Mr. Ufford-Chase, Mr. Pronto and Attorney Smith will work on this section.

Section 19

Mr. Monette moved to capitalize Assessor. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Section 20

The Taskforce will propose a new section 20 at the next Public Hearing.

Section 22

Mr. Monette moved to delete the word non-eligibility. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion failed.

Section 27

Sub-section B, Mr. Monette moved to add City before Treasurer in the last sentence. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Section 28

In sub-section (7) Ms. Finegan moved to add City Treasurer before in consultation. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

In sub-section (4) Mr. Monette moved to change the word act to charter. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Section 30

Ms. Pare' moved to add after five members, who need not to be residents of the city. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Adjournment

Ms. Finegan moved to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Attested James Johnson this 14th day of September 2026
R. D. Miller Mayor