



**TOWN OF WEST WARWICK
TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CHANGES
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014 - 6:00 PM
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL
1170 MAIN STREET, WEST WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. QUORUM ON RECORD

D. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT CHANGES.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Shall Article IV Town Council Section 401 Number, term, selection of the West Warwick Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the following:

D-1: There shall be a Town Council which shall consist of five (5) members, elected by the town by wards, to serve four year terms, subject to recall as provided in this charter, with their terms arranged in such manner that three (3) candidates, shall be elected in November 2016 to four (4) year terms; and two (2) candidates shall be elected in November 2018 to four (4) year terms.

D-2: More , specifically, commencing on the first Tuesday of November 2016 candidates from Wards 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected to serve a four (4) year term; candidates from Wards 4 and 5 shall be elected to serve a two (2) year term. Commencing on the first Tuesday of November 2018, candidates from Wards 4 and 5 shall be elected to a four (4) year term.

D-3: Shall Article IV Town Council Section 403 Vacancies of the West Warwick Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the following:

If a vacancy shall occur in the town council two (2) years or more prior to the next regularly scheduled Town Council election, a special election shall be called by the Town Clerk...

D-4: Shall Article X Town Clerk Section 1001 Selection and term be amended to authorized the following:

There shall be a town clerk who shall be appointed by the Town Council to serve at the pleasure of the Council,.... The town clerk may be suspended or removed, with or without cause, by a vote of not less than tree (3) members of the Town Council

D-5: Shall Article XXI Recall Section 2101 General Authority be amended to authorize the following:

The registered voters of the Town of West Warwick shall have the power to remove members of the School Committee and members of the Town Council from office by recall....

E. ADJOURN.