CALL TO ORDER:
Chairman Vaccaro called the hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. All present rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. A roll call attendance was called. (5) P (0) A

PUBLIC SESSION:
Mrs. Nancy Valentine 18 Farrell Drive, Ansonia. Mrs. Valentine states that she is bringing up an issue that dates back to 2013. Mrs. Valentine goes on to say that the state is looking for information preparing for the 2020 census, and that back in 2013 text had to be prepared and to her knowledge it is now not found to be available. Mrs. Valentine says that the City Clerk has been searching the Charter Revision as well as the Ward Boundaries information to no avail.

Mrs. Valentine brings up a second issue saying that she appeared in front of the Board of Alderman in November of 2016 with a complaint that at that point the Mayor asked her to put it in writing, which she states she did so in a letter dated January 2017 and has never got a response.

Mr. Robert Turschmann 40 Hotchkiss Terrace, Ansonia. Mr. Turschmann asks why the public is here when they were not able to prepare questions. Mr. Turschmann says that an abbreviated notice was published and according to Charter a full notice should have been published.

Mr. Javier Arguello 39 Jewett Street, Ansonia. Mr. Arguello says that in a previous meeting Economic Director asked to redirect obligations. Mr. Arguello asks how are we to direct a new Charter if we are unable to follow our current charter.

Mr. Arguello reads allowed section 133-B of the Charter. Mr. Arguello states that the key word in the charter is "completion". Mr. Arguello states that our current charter is not followed and/or understood.

Mr. Arguello states that himself and a Mr. Brian Perkins says that Ms. Sheila O'Malley uses the Cities time to trail Mayor Cassetti wikipedia. Mr. Arguello states that Ms. O'Malley uses an email
that she once used for campaigning back in 2014. Mr. Arguello claims the email is sheshe13@gmail.com. Mr. Arguello states that this exact email was used to make edits on June 23, 2018. Mr. Arguello asks if Ms. O'Malley is so caught up in political power that she doesn't know that what she is doing is in fact illegal.

Mr. Jeremy Musnicki 16 Holbrook Street, Ansonia. Mr. Musnicki says the battle of the school budget has been going on for years. Mr. Musnicki says that in Seymour things are different and residents are able to vote.

Mrs. Beverly Tidmarsh 77 Westfield Avenue. Mrs. Tidmarsh says that in response to Mr. Musnicki Seymour is a town form of government and Ansonia is a city form of government and that the two are not the same. Mrs. Tidmarsh adds that people need to understand there is a difference.

Ms. Jennifer Fasciano 16 Michael Street, Ansonia. Ms. Fasciano says that she does believe that in past years Seymour has had the Board of Education go to referendum. Ms. Fasciano says that she understands that it could be costly for voting booths and such but its something to think about.

Mrs. Nina Phipps 60 Rockwood Avenue, Ansonia. Mrs. Phipps says that she understands where everyone is coming from and she does know that both the Town of Seymour as well as Seymour Board of Education both go to referendum. Mrs. Phipps just asks this commission to consider this if the plan is to go to referendum at all.

Mr. David Papcin 16 Chester Street, Ansonia. Mr. Papcin encourages the commission to put both the Board of Education and the City to referendum.

Mr. Charlie Stowe 1st Ward Alderman 23 Granite Terrace, Ansonia. Mr. Stowe says that he understood that when it was a Public Hearing at a Charter Revision meeting that the idea was for the public to give ideas and/or opinions for the commission to further discuss. Mr. Vaccaro states yes, it is.

Mr. Stowe said that his first idea is that all appointed terms should be limited to three years. Mr. Stowe goes on to say that he felt this way with the previous administration so it has nothing to do with our current administration. Mr. Stowe also states that prior to the last election there was a vote he believes unanimous that background checks will take place for anyone touching monies. Mr. Stowe states that this has never happened. Mr. Stowe also suggests cutting the amount of Alderman from 14 to 7. Mr. Stowe says that it is important to have an active Alderman involved for tax payers.

Brendan McTighe 24 Castle Lane, Ansonia. Mr. McTighe says that he just has a few suggestions and ideas. First off Mr. McTighe says that he suggests increasing term limits from 2
to 4 years for many reasons. Mr. McTighe says there is a lot of turnover in leadership and it is hard to see what administration has done during their term.

Mr. McTighe also suggests adjusting the Charter to mandate all departments including the Board of Education to have their budget more accessible to residents so that taxpayers are able to see transparency. Mr. McTighe states that when looking for these documents it is hard especially using a non user friendly website. Mr. McTighe suggests putting it on the app, or putting a direct link on the front page of the City website and making it easy to understand, as easy as making a purchase on Amazon so that everyone is able to read it.

Mr. Arguello adds that he would like to see a Code of Ethics for City Officials,

The Public Hearing ended at 6:49.

Mr. Filippone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. MacDowell seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk

"PLEASE TAKE NOTE ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE WRITTEN IN SUMMARY*"