



# AGENDA

January 12, 2017

**Saratoga Springs Charter Review Commission**

**City Council Room City Hall**

**7pm**

**Invited:**

Ann Casey Bullock  
Jeff Altamari  
Gordon Boyd  
Laura Chodos  
Elio DelSette  
Matt Jones  
Pat Kane  
BK Keramati  
Robert (Rob) Kuczynski  
Mike Los  
Minita Sanghvi  
Barbara Thomas  
Robert Turner  
Devin Dal Pos  
Beth Wurtmann

**Attended:**

## 7p Public Comment

### 7:15 Introductory Remarks by Bob Turner/Approval of Minutes

### 7:20 Discussion of Charter Provisions on City Council to include some or all of the following

1. City Council
  - a. Council qualifications and compensation
    - i. Member qualifications
    - ii. Prohibitions
    - iii. Vacancy and forfeiture of office
    - iv. Council to be the judge of the qualifications of its members
    - v. Council compensation: to be set in charter or to be set by council in budget
  - b. Council representation and composition
    - i. Number of members
    - ii. Terms of office: number of years; staggered or concurrent
    - iii. Nomination method
    - iv. Election method: wards, at large, combination (if wards, method of districting and apportionment)
    - v. Term Limits
  - c. Council organization and procedures
    - i. The presiding officer: election by voters at large or chosen by council, duties (voting power)
    - ii. The council's secretary, selection and duties
    - iii. Time and place of regular meetings
    - iv. Method of calling special meetings
    - v. Meeting procedures
      1. Public meetings
      2. Council to establish rules of procedure
      3. Voting, quorum, binding action requirements

9:00 p

**Adjourn**

Information to Review

- Saratoga Springs
- Model City Charter, National Civic League, 8<sup>th</sup> edition

- Revising City Charters, Division of Local Government Services, New York State Department of State, h
- Other city charters Mayor-Council
  - Cohoes, <http://ecode360.com/9219006>
  - Albany, <http://ecode360.com/12064948>
  - Canandaigua, <https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/city/ny/Canandaigua.html>,
  - Oneonta, <http://ecode360.com/12119253>
  - Syracuse, [http://www.syr.gov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/City\\_Clerk/Content/CHARTER%20OF%20THE%20CITY%20OF%20SYRACUSE--1960%20-%20With%20Watermark.pdf](http://www.syr.gov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/City_Clerk/Content/CHARTER%20OF%20THE%20CITY%20OF%20SYRACUSE--1960%20-%20With%20Watermark.pdf)

#### Academic Readings

- The Faces of America's City Councils, <http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/attachments/deb39864-2716-4978-8fcf-9b663e281f41.pdf>
- Serving on City Councils , <http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/attachments/34854556-816a-4c34-b199-7d82064b2e70.pdf>
- Sizing Up Local Legislatures <http://ubwp.buffalo.edu/ubri/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2014/12/Sizing-Up-Local-Legislatures-Policy-Brief.pdf>
- The National League of Cities State of the Cities report - <http://www.nlc.org/find-city-solutions/city-solutions-and-applied-research/state-of-the-cities-2015>
- James Svara, TWO DECADES OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN AMERICAN CITY COUNCILS <http://www.skidmore.edu/~bturner/Svara%20citycouncilrpt.pdf>