

Minutes Charter Revision Commission

Public Hearing

December 1, 2005

Chairman Arthur called the public hearing to order at 6:04 pm. Chairman Arthur introduced the members of the Commission to the public and announced the rules governing the public hearing. In addition, the Chairman invited the audience to attend the Commission's regular Thursday meeting as well as the meetings of the Commission's five committees. Speakers were also advised to submit a copy of their testimony to the Commission for inclusion in the official records of the Commission.

Chairman Arthur also introduced and acknowledged the presence of Majority Leader Lynn Marinelli, Legislators-elect Dan Kozub, Bob Reynolds, Michele Iannello, Maria Whyte and Comptroller-elect Mark Poloncarz. The Chairman thanked them for their attendance at the public hearing. The Chairman also announced that the Legislature had passed a local law by a vote of 15-0 to extend the time allotted for the Commission to complete its report.

The CRC heard testimony from the following individuals: Bill Kindel (Town of Amherst), Toni Cudney (Town of Orchard Park), Susan Grelick (Town of Amherst), Linda Hartwell, Daniel Warren, Robert Gioia, Len Trotter, John Kuchowski, Elizabeth Berry, Samuel Herbert, Jim Ostrowski and Valerie Niederhoffer.

After the final speaker, Chairman Arthur reminded the audience to submit their testimony in writing and encouraged continued public involvement in the activities of the Commission. The public hearing ended at 7:25 pm.