



AGENDA

January 19, 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 merits of Council-City Manager versus Council- Mayor forms of Government versus Hybrid - discussion to include

1. Improve government efficiency and responsiveness to citizens and businesses
2. Reduce political influence in day-to-day operations
3. Eliminate the influence of political money in day-to-day operations
4. Increase government accountability
5. Make government more transparent
6. Other

9:00 p

Adjourn

Information to Review

- Saratoga Springs
- Model City Charter, National Civic League, 8th 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

Academic Readings

NLC, Mayoral Powers

<http://www.nlc.org/build-skills-and-networks/resources/cities-101/city-officials/mayoral-powers>

The Mayor-Manager Conundrum <http://www.governing.com/topics/mgmt/Mayor-Manager-Conundrum.html>

ICMA 2011 Municipal Form of Government Survey Summary: Trends in Structure, Responsibility, and Composition,
http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/303954/ICMA_2011_Municipal_Form_of_Government_Survey_Summary

Strong Mayor

Shragger, In Praise of Strong Mayors,
<https://www.law.virginia.edu/pdf/workshops/0506/schragger.pdf>

Elected mayors are more effective, says US study
<http://www.citymayors.com/government/us-elected-mayors.html>

City Managers

Council-Manager or Strong Mayor - The Choice is Clear
http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/302618/CouncilManager_or_Strong_Mayor_The_Choice_is_Clear

Council-Manager Form of Government: Frequently Asked Questions
http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/2705/CouncilManager_Form_of_Government_Frequently_Asked_Questions_brochure

Taking Stock of the Council-Manager Form at 100
http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/documents/kn/Document/5978/Taking_Stock_of_the_CouncilManager_Form_at_100

ICMA: The International City/County Management Association

[Http://Www.Forthegoodofmaui.Org/Resources/](http://www.forthegoodofmaui.org/resources/)

Council-Manager or "Strong Mayor": The Choice is Clear

County Manager Form of Governance: Frequently Asked Questions

Council Manager Form Resource Package

Code of Ethics

In Search of Organizational Excellence?

The Hybrid/Adapted Cities

“Cities tend to change their structures incrementally. Over time, cities with mayor-council statutory platforms will incrementally adapt many of the characteristics of council-manager form cities to improve their management and productivity capabilities. Over time, cities with council-manager statutory platforms will adopt features of mayor-council form cities to increase their political responsiveness, leadership, and accounting capabilities. Because each of the two legal forms of cities adopts primary features of the other, these cities now constitute a third form of the U.S. city—the adapted city.”

The Adapted Cities Framework

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1078087407311396>

Beyond Ideal Types of Municipal Structure : Adapted Cities in Michigan

<https://www.skidmore.edu/~bturner/Beyond%20Ideal%20Types%20of%20Municipal%20Structure%20Adapted%20Cities%20in%20Michigan.pdf>

Chief Administrative Officers in Washington and Idaho, State & Local Government Review, Vol. 20, No. 1 (Winter, 1988), pp. 41-45

See also the Oneonta Charter