



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Minneapolis Charter Commission

Date: February 2, 2012

To: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways and Means / Budget Committee

Subject: Donations to the Minneapolis Charter Commission and the Redistricting Group and any of its committees or working groups

Recommendation: Approve Resolution Accepting Donations from Standard Heating and Air Conditioning

Department Information:

Prepared by: Barry Clegg, Chair of the Minneapolis Charter Commission and Chair of the Redistricting Group

To Be Approved by: The Redistricting Group

Presenters in Committee: Barry Clegg, Chair of the Minneapolis Charter Commission and Chair of the Redistricting Group

Financial Impact:

- No financial impact
- Donations will cover the use of a conference room and video equipment; free parking; and any provided beverages, which could include water, coffee and non-alcoholic beverages

Supporting Information: In accordance with the City of Minneapolis Ethics in Government code and Minnesota Statutes § 465.03, the Minneapolis Charter Commission respectfully requests the City Council adopt by 2/3 majority vote a resolution accepting donations on behalf of the Minneapolis Charter Commission, the Redistricting Group and any of their committees and working groups of Standard Heating and Air Conditioning's conference room and video equipment; its convenient free parking facility; and any provided beverages provided by it, which could include water, coffee and non-alcoholic beverages.

RESOLUTION

By Betsy Hodges

ACCEPTING GOODS AND SERVICES DONATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set forth below to the City:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Gift</u>
Standard Heating and Air Conditioning 130 Plymouth Avenue North provided Minneapolis, MN 55411	Use of conference room and video equipment; free parking; and any beverages, which could include water, coffee and non-alcoholic beverages

WHEREAS, Todd Ferrara is part owner of Standard Heating and Air Conditioning, as well as a Minneapolis Charter Commissioner and a member of the Redistricting Group;

WHEREAS, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation;

WHEREAS, all such donations have been or will be contributed to assist the City, and the Charter Commission and the Redistricting Group and any of their redistricting committees or redistricting working groups, in their redistricting process and efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission, and the Redistricting Group and its committees and working groups, must have numerous meetings within a short time frame to perform its redistricting work;

WHEREAS, the work of the Charter Commission, and the Redistricting Group and its committees and working groups, requires the use of a video-equipped conference room that has sufficient space for members of the Charter Commission, the Redistricting Group and the public, while the City has limited conference space that must be shared with other City employees and departments;

WHEREAS, Standard Heating and Air Conditioning has a conference room and a convenient parking lot located at 130 Plymouth Avenue North to accommodate the redistricting and parking needs of the 24 members of the Redistricting Group and the public who wish to attend redistricting meetings;

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission, the Redistricting Group and all of its committees and working groups will continue to comply with the Open Meeting Law when having meetings at Standard Heating and Air Conditioning at 130 Plymouth Avenue North;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered on behalf of the Minneapolis Charter Commission, the Redistricting Group and any of their redistricting committees or redistricting working groups, for their redistricting process and efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to assist the City; the Charter Commission and the Redistricting Group and any of their redistricting committees or redistricting working groups; and the public, in their redistricting process and efforts.