

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

November 5, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Ferrara, Garcia, Heinle, Johnson, Kozak, Lickness, Metge, Peltola, Rubenstein, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf

Members Excused: Commissioners Rice, Street

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

On a motion by Sandberg, seconded, the agenda was adopted.

Absent - Garcia, Rice, Street.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of October 1, 2014

On a motion by Sandberg, seconded, the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2014, were approved.

Absent - Garcia, Rice, Street.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Clegg reported that both Charter amendments had passed. There had been an editorial in the StarTribune prior to the election supporting both amendments. He had also been interviewed by Minnesota Public Radio and WCCO on the topic.

Discussion

5. Plain Language Charter Revision - Ordinance Initiative:

Update from City Attorney.

Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney, stated that the Committee of the Whole will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendments resulting from the Plain Language Charter Revision. The full Council will then act on those amendments.

6. Revisions Committee:

Update.

Commissioner Heinle stated that the Revisions Committee held their first meeting on October 14 and reviewed Articles 2 through 5 of the Charter without finding anything that they felt strongly enough about to consider drafting any amendments. Another Revisions Committee meeting will be scheduled sometime after the holidays to review the remaining articles.

7. 2015 Charter Commission Calendar:

January 7 (Annual Meeting to include election of officers)

February 4

March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2

On a motion by Schwarzkopf, seconded, the 2015 Charter Commission calendar was adopted.
Absent - Rice, Street.

Public Commentary

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

On a motion by Ferrara, seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.
Absent - Rice, Street.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator