

Minneapolis Charter Commission Agenda
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2003 - 4:00 p.m.

Charter Commissioners Present: Masica, Leitschuh, Rhodes, Dziedzic, Theurer, Fraser, Bernstein, Dolan, Melendez, Clegg, Lazarus, (Quorum: 8)

Excused Absence: Bester, Thaden, Collier and Metge

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Rhodes, in the absence of Chair Bester, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, MN.

2. Roll Call

3. Adopt Agenda

Dolan moved approval. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.

4. Leave of Absence Request

- a) Acceptance of request for one month leave of absence by Chair Bester; and
- b) Acknowledgement of Pete Rhodes as Acting Chair for the Charter Commission during the absence of Chair Bester.

Bernstein reported that the Charter Rules do not address the issue of a leave of absence.

Clegg moved to grant Bester an excused absence from this meeting in accordance with the Bylaws of the Charter Commission and to appoint Pete Rhodes as the Acting Chair for this meeting. Upon Bester's return, the issue of his residency in the City of Minneapolis will be addressed. Seconded.

Adopted. Yeas, 9; Nays, 2 as follows:

Yeas - Masica, Leitschuh, Rhodes, Dziedzic, Theurer, Fraser, Bernstein, Melendez, Clegg.

Nays - Dolan, Lazarus.

Absent - Bester, Thaden, Collier, Metge.

5. Approve Minutes of September 3, 2003

Lazarus moved approval. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Charter Commission Rules

Consider adoption of amendments to the Rules submitted by the Rules Committee (*Lazarus, Masica and Bester*).

Masica will submit a report from this committee for consideration at the next Charter Commission meeting.

7. Articles Committees

a) Updates on amendments to Articles -

I and II: *Bernstein, Lazarus and Thaden*

III and IV: *Masica, Collier and Clegg*

V and VI: *Theurer, Metge, Dolan*

VII and VIII: *Dziedzic, Bester, Rhodes, Leitschuh, Fraser*

Melendez reported that all Committees have contacted him and that he will be responding to questions in order to get the amendments submitted in time to get the report completed by the January deadline.

8. Editing Committee

Update (*Dziedzic, Clegg, Lazarus, Bernstein*)

The Editing Committee will begin their work after the third draft is out.

9. Outside Readers

Update on the Outside Readers (*Melendez*)

Melendez reported that the following have responded in the affirmative: Lee Eklund, Sharon Sayles Belton, Kathy O'Brien, John Cairnes, Bert Black, Lyall Schwarzkopf, Cam Gordon and Walter Rockenstein.

On the Boards and Commissions, the Board of Estimate & Taxation designated Wallace Swan, with staff support provided by Jack Qvale, Executive Secretary.

The staff of the Civil Service Commission stated that they would get back to him. They haven't as yet, so he will contact them.

The Library Board and the Park Board may not have met yet. Dziedzic stated that the Park Board is aware of the request and she will contact them.

The Mayor's office has not responded to the request.

10. Informational contacts with Council Members and Mayor

Report by Commissioners

Council President Ostrow, Ward 1

Melendez - Completed. Council Study Session planned for January or February 2004 to provide a briefing on proposed Charter amendments

Council Member Zerby, Ward 2

Fraser - Meeting to be rescheduled.

Council Member Samuels, Ward 3

Bernstein - Completed.

Council Member Johnson, Ward 4

Dziedzic - Completed.

Council Member Johnson Lee, Ward 5

Rhodes - Completed. She has an interest in redistricting and elections. Melendez will send the current draft to Johnson Lee.

Council Member Zimmermann, Ward 6

Metge - Completed.

Council Member Goodman, Ward 7

Lazarus - Completed.

Council Member Lilligren, Ward 8

Metge - Completed.

<i>Council Member Schiff, Ward 9</i>	Dziedzic - Completed.
<i>Council Member Niziolek, Ward 10</i>	Thaden - Meeting scheduled. Niziolek requested consideration by the Charter Commission for a City Management form of government.
<i>Council Member Benson, Ward 11</i>	Theurer - Meeting to be scheduled.
<i>Council Member Colvin Roy, Ward 12</i>	Dziedzic - Completed.
<i>Council Member Lane, Ward 13</i>	Collier - Contact has been made.
Mayor	Lazarus - Completed.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Amendment to Charter by Referendum

Proposed Charter Amendment submitted by Aaron Marcus, President, Citizens Organized for Harm Reduction.

Masica moved that Assistant City Attorney LaBat be directed to respond to Aaron Marcus to thank him for his submission and stating that it is acceptable as to form, but as to the content, it is not appropriate for the City Charter. Seconded.

Adopted. Yeas, 9; Nays, 2 as follows:

Yeas - Masica, Leitschuh, Rhodes, Dziedzic, Theurer, Fraser, Melendez, Clegg, Lazarus.

Nays - Bernstein, Dolan.

Absent - Bester, Thaden, Collier, Metge.

NOT ON PRINTED AGENDA

12. Proposed Charter Amendment

Request by Bert Black, former Charter Commissioner, for amendment relating to the timing of the next election for City Council Members.

Fraser requested that this issue be postponed to the next Charter Commission meeting.

Dolan moved to adjourn.

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Chief Council Committee Coordinator