

# Minneapolis Charter Commission

September 6, 2006

Minneapolis City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
304 City Hall  
350 South 5th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Council Members:

The members of the Charter Commission of the City of Minneapolis, at their meeting on September 6, 2006, voted to approve the following proposed ordinance amendments for referral to the City Council:

Ordinances amending Chapter 3 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to *Powers and Duties of Officers*:

- a. Section 4, amending the power of the executive committee on appointments and removals.
- b. Section 8, amending the existence of the City Engineer as the head of the Public Works Department by creating a Department of Public Works and a Director of Public Works.
- c. Section 9, amending the powers of the City Engineer and providing the duties and powers of the Director of Public Works.
- d. Section 10, amending the maintenance of surveys, plans and estimates.

Ordinances amending Chapter 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to *Public Highways and Bridges*:

- a. Section 2, amending the way profiles and grades are maintained and the staff who will provide advice to the Commissioners.
- b. Section 6, repealing so that the City Engineer is not responsible for grading and construction of public ways.
- c. Section 7, amending so that the Director of Public Works cannot have interest in contracts.
- d. Section 8, amending who is prohibited from accepting bribes.
- e. Section 13, amending by providing duties of the Director of Public Works regarding the repair of sidewalks.
- f. Section 14, amending by providing the Department of Public Works is responsible for sidewalk repairs.
- g. Section 22, amending the location of copies of plats.

Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to *Water Works*, amending the location for the preservation of records and the certification of the cost of construction.

Ordinances amending Chapter 10 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to *Local Improvements—Assessments*:

- a. Section 1, amending the process for proposing suitable land for public improvements.
- b. Section 5, amending the street improvement process by having the Department of Public Works provide advice and assistance instead of the Engineer.
- c. Section 8, amending the local improvement process by having the Department of Public Works provide assistance instead of the Engineer.
- d. Section 10, amending the sidewalk building process by having the Department of Public Works provide a description of property and cost estimate instead of the Engineer.
- e. Section 15, amending who certifies that an improvement has been made by the owner of a property.
- f. Section 29, amending who must work with the Auditor regarding improvements.

Ordinances amending Chapter 16 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to *Parks and Parkways*:

- a. Section 2, amending the location for the filing of plats of the Park and Recreation Board.
- b. Section 3, amending the location for the filing of plats for land condemned by the Park and Recreation Board.
- c. Section 15, amending reference to the process used by the City in building sidewalks and assessing for the construction.

*Subject matter* of an ordinance amending Chapter 19, Section 4 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to *Civil Service*, amending the unclassified service to include the Director of Public Works and eliminate the City Engineer.

Sincerely,

Jim Bernstein, Chair  
Minneapolis Charter Commission