

Charter Commission

Annual Meeting

June 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Blashill, Ravnikar, Heinonen, Meuers, Albrecht, Faver

Members Absent: Dodds

Staff Present: City Clerk Michelle Miller, City Attorney Katie Nolting

Chair Heinonen noted a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Heinonen requested accepting resignation from RandiSu Tanem be added to the agenda. Motion by Meuers, seconded by Blashill approving the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Meuers, seconded by Blashill approving the June 22, 2022 minutes as amended with changes to bylaws discussion and adoption language as discussed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Officers

Chair Heinonen opened nominations for Charter Commission Officers.

Blashill nominated Ravnikar for Chair, Faver seconded.

Meuers nominated Albrecht for Chair, Albrecht seconded.

Secret ballot was conducted with a 3-3 tie. Albrecht conceded to Ravnikar.

Albrecht nominated Albrecht for Vice Chair, Ravnikar seconded.

James Ravnikar was elected Chair and Rita Albrecht was elected Vice Chair.

Albrecht nominated Faver for Secretary, Meuers seconded. Faver was elected Secretary.

Public Comment Period

No appearance.

Commissioner Reports

Albrecht inquired about the council code of conduct. Nolting stated the council met in work session on June 12 with facilitator Aimee Gourlay from the League of Minnesota Cities. The council will meet again with Aimee with homework to send her items for discussion at the next code of conduct work session.

Blashill suggested that when commission members are speaking in the media that they state that they are expressing their own opinion and not speaking for the entire charter commission.

Heinonen suggested that the charter commission should look at adopting a code of conduct for themselves.

Business Items

Discussion of Possible Charter Amendments

Heinonen suggested looking into succession language for the city manager.

Meuers suggested discussing conflict of interest, how to enforce violations of the city charter, the Mayor term and campaign financial reports.

Resignation of Member

Heinonen stated a resignation from RandiSu Tanem was received on June 21, 2023 effective immediately. **Motion by Ravnika, seconded by Blashill accepting the resignation of Tanem and directing the city clerk to post the vacancy. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Adjourn

With no further business, a motion by Blashill, seconded by Albrecht, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk/Secretary