

Charter Commission

June 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pamela Jorstad, Michael Meuers, Randi Su Tanem, Char Blashill, James Dodds, James Ravnikar

Members Absent: Casey McCarthy, Don Heinonen

Staff Present: City Attorney Al Felix, City Clerk Michelle Miller

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting was presented for approval. **Motion by Tanem, seconded by Jorstad to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Oath of Office

City Clerk Miller administered the Oath of Office to Char Blashill (term ending 06/01/2022), Randi Su Tanem (term ending 06/01/2025) and James Dodds (term ending 06/01/2025).

Election of Officers

Chair Dodds opened nominations for Charter Commission Officers.

Tanem nominated James Dodds as Chair. Nomination passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Tanem nominated Randi Su Tanem as Vice Chair. Nomination passed with a unanimous voice vote.

James Dodds was elected Chair and Randi Su Tanem was elected Vice Chair for 2021.

City Charter Discussion

Ravnikar asked for clarification of Chapter 8 regarding the City Plan and the relationship with the Joint Planning Board. Felix stated that the city council provided the authority for the Joint Planning Board to effectuate planning regarding zoning. Felix also stated there are plans related to specific projects or departments as well as a Capital Improvement Plan to help in planning of city development.

A brief summary of the process of redistricting after the 2020 Census was given. Work on city boundaries will occur in early 2022 after receiving maps from the State Legislature. The size and number of wards and the composition of the council are potentially affected by the 2020 Census.

Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Meuers to schedule the annual meeting for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Felix suggested that the Charter Commission could research and review topics for possible modification of the City Charter, including Chapter 8, Section 8.01 and 8.02 regarding the City Plan, councilmember conflict of issue (Chapter 12, Section 12.04) and possible ward/council composition discussion (Chapter 2, Section 2.03). Members are asked to conduct research and bring to the October 20, 2021 meeting for discussion.

Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Tanem for a regular Charter Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the possible topics referenced above. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

With no further business, a motion by Tanem, seconded by Ravnika, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle R. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk/Secretary