

Charter Commission

October 2, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Donald Heinonen, Pamela Jorstad, Michael Meuers, Randi Su Tanem, Ara Gallo

Staff Present: City Clerk Michelle Miller

Chair Heinonen noted a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting was presented for approval. **Motion by Gallo, seconded by Tanem to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Consider Application of James Dodds to Fill Unexpired Term Ending June 1, 2021

Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Tanem to accept the application of James Dodds as a member of the Charter Commission. Motion carried.

Consider Application of Ruthie Wilson to Fill Unexpired Term Ending June 1, 2020

Heinonen noted that since the Commission requested James Dodds to appear before them before considering his application if that is the practice that should be done for future applicants. Gallo and Meuers stated that the commission asked for local references and Dodds was invited to attend a meeting as a courtesy. Meuers suggested that since members need to live in the city, that references should also live in the city. Meuers also expressed concern that politics should not play a role within the Charter Commission. Heinonen questioned the history of a husband and wife serving on the commission. Tanem suggested tabling the application until Felix can provide clarification on the issue.

Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Tanem, to table the application of Ruth Wilson until the Charter Commission can discuss with Al Felix. Motion carried.

Section 2.03 – Review Proposed Ordinance Language

The Charter Commission previously approved the question relating to the term of the Mayor be put on the 2020 General Election Ballot. However, the exact language needs to be approved. The proposed language is currently as follows:

“Shall Section 2.03 of the Council-Manager Charter be amended to change the term of the mayor from two years to four years; which term shall coincide with the Presidential Election?”

Motion by Meuers, seconded by Tanem, approving the language for the 2020 General Election Ballot as follows: “Shall Section 2.03 of the Council-Manager Charter be amended to change the term of the mayor from two years to four years, and shall coincide with the Presidential Election?” Motion carried.

Commission members discussed recent conduct by council members and if this body has any authority over conduct of council members. It was suggested to review the current Recall language in the charter at the next meeting.

Adjourn

With no further business, motion by Tanem, seconded by Jorstad, to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:22 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