

Charter Commission

Special Meeting - July 11, 2017

Members Present: Donald Heinonen, Chuck Stombaugh, Ben Stowe, Casey McCarthy, Caleb Newman

Members Absent: Pamela Jorstad, Jaclyn Ryder, Michael Meuers

Others & Staff: Michelle Miller, Deputy City Clerk, Rita Albrecht, Mayor

Chair Newman noted a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

State of the City Address

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the comments made during the first reading of the proposed ordinance that was brought to Council at the July 3 council meeting. The ordinance proposed allowed an additional month for the Mayor to provide a State of the City Address to residents. At the council meeting, the Mayor indicated that she thought more flexibility should be allowed by extending the deadline of the State of City Address to the first quarter, rather than just January or February.

Members discussed at length the time frame for conducting the Mayor's State of the City Address. Members feel consistency is important to have the address read during a regular televised meeting and that the address should be read into the official record of the council meeting. However, that wouldn't preclude having a second presentation of the address done at a different time and venue.

Motion by Stombaugh to modify Section 2.06 as follows:

...Annually, during the first quarter of the year, the mayor shall, during either a regular or special meeting of the city council, provide a state of the city address to the city residents...

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Stombaugh, seconded by Heinonen, to modify Section 2.06 as follows:

...Annually, during the months of January or February, the mayor shall, during either a regular ~~or special~~ meeting of the city council, provide a state of the city address to the city residents...

Heinonen stated that allowing an address to be extended into March loses its appeal. Members reiterated that the Mayor can present the address in a different format but that it should still be conducted at a regular council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Stombaugh, seconded by Heinonen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Miller
Deputy City Clerk