



Charter Commission Meeting

October 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Nelson called the Charter Commission meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present

Mohammed Barre
Greg Gardner
Clifford Johnson
Nikki Karnopp
Dave Linton
Audrey Nelson
Rick Nelson
Pam Reynolds
Valerie Rolstad
Doug Schmitz
Kathy Smith

Absent

Donald Findell
Ted Kranz

Others Present

Melissa Moore, City Clerk/Communications Manager
Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of September 10, 2024, Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented by Commissioner Gardner.
Seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

2. 2025 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Kondrick informed the Commission the City Council approved the proposed Joint Meeting date for 2025 and recommended the 2025 meeting schedule for approval.

Motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule by Commissioner Karnopp. Seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

3. Annual Report

Ms. Moore provided a draft of the Annual Report to the Commission for approval. Upon approval of the Annual Report, staff will forward to the Chief Judge. Commissioner Linton mentioned he was left off the new member list in the report. Staff will add his name before sending to the Judge.

Motion to approve the Annual Report with addition of Commissioner Linton's name by Commissioner Karnopp. Seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

4. Resignation of Commissioner Brillhart

Commissioner Brillhart submitted a letter of resignation from the Commission effective immediately. The vacancy will be posted online and the Commission will conduct interviews at the January meeting. Two interest forms have already been received by the Clerk's Office.

Motion to accept Commissioner Brillhart's resignation with regret by Commissioner Karnopp. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds.

Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

5. Chapter 5 Review

The Commission continued to review Chapter 5 for updates. Discussion was held on language clarification in section 5.03 sub 9 as to who should receive petition guide.

Motion to approve section 5.03 by Commissioner Rolstad. Seconded by Commissioner Barre.

Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on section 5.04 and changes to definition of "Committee" to clarify number of voters needed for a committee.

Motion to approve section 5.04 by Commissioner Linton. Seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a voice call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on section 5.05 and where the number of 15% for signatures came from. Commissioner Linton did some research and presented the Commission with some statistics. A request was made for Staff to do some research on what is in State Statute and what other Cities have in their Charter.

Motion to table further discussion on Chapter 5 until research is brought to next meeting by Commissioner Rolstad. Seconded by Commissioner Karnopp.

Upon a roll call vote, with one nay from Chair Nelson, and all others voting yay, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics/Communications

6. Future Meeting Topics

- Interviewing candidates for open seat on the Commission
- Continue Chapter 5 starting with section 5.05
- Proposed language change to Charter regarding organized garbage hauling

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Rolstad to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Upon a roll call vote, all voting aye, Chair Nelson declared the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.