



Joint City Council and Charter Commission Meeting

April 6, 2026

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Bremener called the Charter Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Commissioners Barre, Bremener, Findell, Gardner, Karnopp, Kisner, Kranz, Linton, A. Nelson, Reynolds, Rolstad, Schmitz, Smith

Absent

R. Nelson, Seefeld

Others Present

Dave Ostwald, Mayor

Councilmembers Luke Cardona, Ryan Evanson, Ann Bolkom, Ryan Evanson

Wally Wysopal, City Manager

Melissa Moore, Assistant City Manager

Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk

Avonna Starck, Resident

Anna Pribula, Resident

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Barre.

Upon a voice all vote with all commissioners voting aye, Chair Bremener declared the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of February 2, 2026 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes and Approval of March 2, 2026 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve both sets of meeting minutes by Commissioner Karnopp, Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds.

Upon a voice all vote with all commissioners voting aye, Chair Bremener declared the motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

2. Commission Appreciation Dinner

Chair Bremener reminded Commissioners that RSVP's were due for the Commission Appreciation Dinner to be held April 20 at Springbrook Nature Center.

3. Appreciation to Commissioner Kranz

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Commissioner Ted Kranz for his many years of service as this was his final meeting as member of the Charter Commission.

4. Commission Vacancy and Prospective Commissioner Interviews

With Commissioner Kranz stepping down, there is a vacancy on the Commission. Staff have received applications from four interested individuals who will be invited to the May Charter Commission meeting to be interviewed. Chair Bremener stated that after this opening is filled, the Commission will begin to look at the process for interviewing and selecting candidates for the Commission and how potential applicants are retained.

New Business

5. Chapter 5 Presentation and Discussion with the City Council

Chair Bremener gave a presentation to the City Council explaining the rationale on the proposed changes to Chapter 5. City Council members asked questions. Mayor Ostwald said that the City Council will discuss the Commission's presentation and report at an upcoming City Council Conference meeting. Mayor Ostwald stated that they will reach back out to the Commission with further questions and what they think the next steps will be.

6. Discussion with the City Council

The Commission and the City Council had a discussion on some of the questions Commissioners had regarding the Council's vision and what projects are happening in the City. Commissioners also asked the Council if they want to see a different process for Charter amendments. Council members felt that a discussion like the one held at this meeting is helpful and otherwise see no need for change.

Future Meeting Topics/Communications

6. Future Meeting Topics

- Candidate Interview Process and application
- Next Chapter to Review – Chapter 6 and Chapter 2
- Commission Onboarding Manual
- Meeting schedule cadence

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Kranz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Rolstad.

Upon a voice all vote with all commissioners voting aye, Chair Bremener declared the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.