

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

December 2, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Barry Clegg (Chair), Dan Cohen, Todd Ferrara, Jill Garcia, DJ Heinle, Andrew Kozak, Barbara Lickness, Jana Metge, Jeffrey Peltola, Matt Perry, Andrea Rubenstein, Jan Sandberg, Lyall Schwarzkopf, Aaron Street

Members Absent: Commissioner Toni Newborn

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. Adopt Agenda

On motion, seconded, the agenda was adopted with the following amendment: move item #6 as the first Discussion item.

Absent: Newborn

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of October 7, 2015

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On motion, seconded, the minutes were approved.

Absent: Newborn

4. Chair's Report

Toni Newborn was appointed to the Charter Commission with a term to run through June 1, 2018.

Discussion

5. Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) Composition and Membership

a. Historical overview of the composition and membership of the BET from the City Clerk's Office.

b. Discussion on merits of a possible ballot question relative to the addition of a 7th seat.

BET Memo

BET MN Laws Ch. 252.1919

BET MN Laws Ch. 160.1983

BET MN Special Laws Ch. 338.1879

BET Becker Proposal

BET Sandberg Proposal

BET Schwarzkopf Proposal

Following discussion, Sandberg motioned to defer any action on the matter for up to a year.

Heinle motioned an amendment to Sandberg's motion allowing the Schwarzkopf proposal to go to Council for a 13/0 vote.

Chair Clegg called for a roll call on Heinle's amendment:

Ayes: Cohen, Ferrara, Heinle, Metge, Rubenstein, Schwarzkopf, Street

Noes: Garcia, Kozak, Lickness, Peltola, Perry, Sandberg, Clegg

Absent: Newborn

The motion to amend Sandberg's motion failed.

Chair Clegg called for a vote on Sandberg's motion to defer action on the matter for up to a year.

The motioned passed on voice vote.

Absent: Newborn

Schwarzkopf motioned his proposal be forwarded to Council for a 13/0 vote.

Kozak motioned an amendment to revise the language in Schwarzkopf's proposal to require a simple 2/3 vote instead of using actual numbers for certain charter-prescribed voting thresholds for BET functions.

On voice vote, the motion passed as amended.

Absent: Newborn

Chair Clegg will work with Commissioner Schwarzkopf on finalizing that revised language in his proposal.

A public hearing will be scheduled for the January 6 Charter Commission meeting to solicit public input on this 2/3 membership voting threshold charter amendment.

6. 2016 Charter Commission Meetings

Approval of the following 2016 Charter Commission meeting dates:

January 6, 2016	February 3, 2016
March 2, 2016	April 6, 2016
May 4, 2016	June 1, 2016
July 13, 2016	August 3, 2016
September 7, 2016	October 5, 2016
November 2, 2016	December 7, 2016

On motion, seconded, the calendar of meeting dates for 2016 was approved as shown.

Absent: Newborn

Public Commentary

There was no one wishing to speak.

On motion, seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Absent: Newborn

Submitted by Diana Armstrong, Charter Commission Coordinator