

City of Excelsior
CHARTER COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bratland called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

CHARTER MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Lloyd Bratland, Bob Bolles, Susan Brokaw, Jennifer Caron, Lucille Crow, Mary Jo Fulkerson, Leigh Harrod (arrived at 6:12 pm), Janice Leafer (arrived at 6:55 pm), Judy Mueller, and Jeanie Thompson.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Bowers, Steve Finch, and City Manager Kristi Luger.

ABSENT: Colleen Nuese-Marine.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Bratland requested that Item 8. NEW MEMBERS be moved to follow approval of minutes. Commissioner Bolles requested Excelsior's long-term budget be added to Item 7. NEW BUSINESS. Agenda, as modified, approved 8/0.

3. TAPING AND ROBERT RULES:

Chair Bratland provided information regarding the Council's decision to have the Charter Commission meetings taped for the official City records. Also held discussion and request that members review and abide by the Robert's Rule of Order as provided in the meeting packet.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 13, 2010)

Commissioner Crowe made the motion to approve the minutes; Chair Bratland seconded. Motion approved 6/0 with Commissioners Caron and Fulkerson abstaining.

Agenda Item 8, New Members (as modified under Agenda Approval): Chair Bratland advised that the Charter Commission now, or soon will have, the full compliment of commissioners at 15 members with the following additions:

Steve Finch, 462 William Street, Excelsior
Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, Excelsior
Jim Norman, 148 West Lake Street, Excelsior
A.J. Wilson, 231 Second Street, Excelsior (reappointment)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Bratland provided information on his research for the criteria for valid petition and discussion of creating a template for use by citizens who want to submit a petition.

Mark Bowers, 194 West Lake Street, Excelsior, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Harrod provided synopsis of the charters for the cities of Fridley, Lino Lakes, and Moundsview.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Next steps for Chapters 7 and 8: Commissioner Harrod made a motion that the Commissioners split into separate work-session groups to study the aforementioned three cities. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, however, with Commissioner Bolles opting out of the work-study session. Groups are:

1) Caron – Captain
Bolles
Harrod
Hartwich

2) Crowe – Captain
Leafer
Bratland
Fulkerson
Norman

3) Finch – Captain
Mueller
Brokaw
Thompson
Wilson

Excelsior's Long Range Plans: Commissioner Bolles provided and distributed copies of the official plans obtained from the City Finance Director.

Mark Bowers, 194 West Lake Street, Excelsior, addressed the Commission on this issue.

8. NEXT MEETING

Chair Bratland set the next meeting for Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Caron advised she would be unable to attend.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Harrod made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mueller seconded. Motion carried 10/0 and meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Fulkerson
Secretary