

City of Excelsior  
CHARTER COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 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, Lucille Crow, Mary Jo Fulkerson, Leigh Harrod, Peter Hartwich, Janice Leafer, Judy Mueller, James Norman (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Colleen Nuese-Marine, Jeannie Thompson, and A.J. Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Kristi Luger.

ABSENT: Susan Brokaw, Jennifer Caron

3. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Item 4. Date for the minutes was corrected to read December 1, 2010. Hearing no objections to the agenda, Chair Bratland accepted the agenda without official motion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 1, 2010)

Commissioner Nuese-Marine moved, Commissioner Mueller seconded, to approve the December 1, 2010 Minutes as corrected, with the following additions/corrections being inserted into the body of the December 1, 2010 Minutes. Motion approved 11/0/1, with A. J. Wilson abstaining from the motion.

Additions/Corrections:

Roll Call: Corrected to reflect that Commissioner Nuese-Marine was present at the December 1, 2010, meeting.

Public Comments: Commission had a lengthy discussion regarding continuance of due diligence and benchmarking.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Bowers, 278 West Lake Street, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Bolles requested that additional comments be added after Mr. Bowers address rather than “addressed the commission”, in particular the deadline date provided by Mr. Bower. Commissioner Bolles made a motion to add the following; seconded by Commissioner Mueller. Motion carried 9/2 with Commissioners Crow and Wilson voting nay.

Mr. Bowers gave the Commission until April 15, 2011, to complete its due diligence on his petition. Failure to comply, Mr. Bowers will proceed with his petition.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Chair Bratland introduced new Commissioners Hartwich, Norman, and Wilson; and advised that Steve Finch will be receiving appointment soon. Full membership will then be 15.

Updated Benchmarking Steps: Lengthy discussion of why the three cities chosen; how do we address their issues and what questions to be asked. City Manager, Kristi Luger, addressed the Commission regarding budgeting and various City funds.

Commissioner Harrod moved, Commissioner Mueller seconded, continuance and due diligence of benchmarking exercises of the other three cities – Fridley, Mounds View, and Lino Lakes. Motion carried 10/2, with Commissioners Crow and Fulkerson voting nay.

Chair Bratland requested that the opposing Commissioners participate in the process.

Chair Bratland led the group in a benchmark discussion about Levy Limit provisions found in the charters of the other cities. A list of points to ask staff or charter members of other cities was generated.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Chair Bratland established January 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. for the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Mueller made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Fulkerson; unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Fulkerson  
Secretary

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