

City of Excelsior
Charter Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lloyd Bratland call the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Charter Commission members present: Chairman Bratland, Commissioners Brokaw, Hartwich, Leafer, Norman, Harrod, Finch, Crow, Bolles, Fulkerson, Viesturs (arrived 6:20 pm), Caron (arrived 6:45 pm)

Charter members absent: Mueller, Thompson, Wilson.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Changes requested: renumber item 8 (Housekeeping items) to be addresses after items 6 (Old Business) and 7 (New Business). Moved by Brokaw; seconded by Leafer; Approved by unanimous acclamation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None offered.

5. APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Motion made by Finch, seconded by Brokaw, to approve minutes from 2011 for August 3, September 8, October 12 and December 7.

Motion passed 8 yes, 2 abstentions.

6. Old Business – Review Charter Commission’s Proposed Reporting Document of 12/7/11. Formal Legal and Constitutional review requested from Kevin.

7. New Business: 7A-Review City Council Proposed Amendment to the Charter; 7B-Identify Options that Exists for the Charter; 7C- Identify Timetable for Additional Actions that Need to be Taken.

Options listed for 7B:

Quit and go home; do nothing;

Pursue Council’s language;

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Keep working and seek a blended solution;

Table effort until Council completes their own ordinance, Aug or Sept 2012

Motion made by Harrod, seconded by Leafer:

The Charter Commission should pursue getting the 12/07/2011 document entitled “Proposed Financial Reporting Document” to be a question decided by Excelsior voters on the November 2012 General Election ballot, whether to have this documents inserted into the Charter, or not.

Roll call vote: 4 yes: Finch, Harrod, Bratland, Leafers; 8 Nay votes = Viesturs, Brokaw, Norman, Caron, Hartwich, Fulkerson, Bolles, Crow.

Motion fails.

Motion

Offered by Caron, seconded by Viesturs:

“I move that the Charter Commission work with the City Council on the Charter Amendment and an ordinance or policy in support of the Charter amendment, by the June Charter Commission meeting.”

Motion passes through roll call vote, unanimous except with 1 abstention (Harrod).

Item 9 Action Item – Review city council’s response and make comment by April 25th to Cheri.

Motion

Offered by Viesturs, second by Caron

Take a 3-minute recess to reload videotape.

Approved unanimously.

RETURN TO SESSION 8:03 PM

Item 6: Housekeeping Item.

Motion offered by Viesturs, seconded by Brokaw: **Have Charter Commission meetings on first Wednesday each month as needed.** Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8b (formerly 6b) Election of Officers

Motion offered by Finch, seconded by Harrod: **Delay election of officers until the July meeting.** Motion subsequently withdrawn by Finch, pending Legal opinion.

Item 8c (formerly 6c): Format of Official Record of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Finch, seconded by Bolles: **“Electronic medium of all Charter Commission meetings be made available at the earliest practical time.”**

Passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn offered by Viesturs, seconded by Caron – passed unanimously.

Next meeting was set for May 2, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Harrod,

Acting Recording Secretary for Jeanine Thompson.