

City of Excelsior

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 12, 2012

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Ruehl called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Councilmembers Present: Caron, Fulkerson, Miller, Olson, and Mayor Ruehl

Also Present: City Attorney Staunton and City Clerk Johnson

2. Agenda Approval

Caron moved, Olson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

3. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 492 – An Ordinance to Amend the Excelsior City Charter to Add Chapter IX – Finances – *Continued Public Hearing*

Staunton stated that at the October 1, 2012 Council meeting, the Council opened the public hearing on an ordinance proposed by the Excelsior Charter Commission. The ordinance would amend the City's Charter to add provisions related to finances. The Council waived the first reading of the proposed ordinance and scheduled the second reading and continued public hearing to the Special Council meeting.

Staunton said that the ordinance must receive the affirmative vote of all members of the City Council at the second reading to be adopted. Once adopted, the ordinance will become effective 90 days after publication unless someone files a petition objecting to the ordinance within 60 days.

Mayor Ruehl said if the Charter Amendment on the ballot is passed, which amendment would be in effect. Staunton said that the two ordinances would be read together and the provisions that are more restrictive would prevail.

Mayor Ruehl asked if it would be possible to repeal the longer version and keep the shorter version in place. Staunton said that the same three avenues are available to amend the City Charter. The Charter Commission can recommend an ordinance, the City Council can propose an ordinance, or by a petition signed by a number of registered voters equal to 5 percent of the total votes cast at the previous state general election.

Miller said if the ballot amendment passes, the Council could clean up the amendment and make it more efficient to administer.

3. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 492 – An Ordinance to Amend the Excelsior City Charter to Add Chapter IX – Finances – *Continued Public Hearing*

Mayor Ruehl reopened the public hearing at 12:01 p.m. Hearing no comments, Mayor Ruehl closed the public hearing.

Miller moved, Olson seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 489, An Ordinance to Amend the Excelsior City Charter to Add Chapter IX – Finances, with the change of the effective date from December 24, 2012 to January 23, 2013. Motion carried 5/0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Olson moved, Miller seconded, to adjourn the special meeting at 12:03 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Johnson  
City Clerk