

MINUTES  
WEST ST. PAUL CHARTER COMMISSION  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
5:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AND

MEMBERS PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

Chair Aaron VanMoorlehem, Commissioners Mark Tessmer, Doug Fromm, Jim Probst, Matthew Schempp, Tim Valento

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Friesen, Kae Jae Johnson, Jim McKie, Tim Haubrich, Karen Vavreck

OTHERS PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

City Attorney Kori Land, City Manager Nate Burkett, Councilmember Liaison Eng-Sarne.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair VanMoorlehem called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. ADOPT AGENDA**

*Motion by Probst/Tessmer to adopt the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.*

**4. ADOPT MINUTES**

*Motion by Tessmer/Valento to approve the minutes. Motion passed 6-0.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Recap**

**B. Charter Amendments**

Land and the Commission discussed the various Charter Amendments proposals.

3.07. Reading resolutions aloud. Commission agrees with repealing.

6.05 Increasing \$25,000 spending limit. Commission supports increasing the spending limit to \$50,000.

6.06. Public bidding. Commission supports changing the threshold to \$175,000.

7.09. Paying bills prior to council meeting. Commission recommends modifying the language to give flexibility for payment of invoices in advance of a Council meeting.

Land to prepare amendments for next meeting.

### **C. Redistricting**

Commission asked if City can we take into account the new apartment populations that are coming when we redistrict. Attorney Land to confirm that we cannot. Commission wants to see a map of the prior wards (2010) compared to the current wards for the next meeting. Probst discussed an at-large system and the benefits of it.

### **D. Charter Commission Members Expiring Terms and Appointment Process**

Chair asked about members whose terms are expiring in 2022.

- Friesen (not present)
- McKie (not present)
- VanMoorlehem
- Probst

Commission to consider appointments after redistricting is completed.

### **E. Election of Officers**

Chair: Nomination for Fromm. *Motion by VanMoorlehem/Probst.* Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Chair: Nomination for Schempp. *Motion by Tessmer/Valento.* Motion passed 6-0.

### **6. OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

### **7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was decided that the next Charter Commission meeting should be on Feb. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by VanMoorlehem/Probst.* Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.