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.


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.