

Willmar Charter Commission
Minutes of Meeting
City Office Building
Willmar, Minnesota

January 14, 2013

The Willmar Charter Commission was called to order by Chair Shawn Mueske. Members present were Audrey Nelsen, Shawn Mueske, Joe Thompson, Pat Curry, John Sullivan, Ron Andreen, and Laura Becker. Richard Falk and Richard Hogle were absent. Present 7 Absent 2. Also in attendance was City Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Halliday.

Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion which carried.

Item 1 The Commission addressed their concerns with **Section 2.08. Appointive Offices of the Council**. Commissioner Thompson offered changes to the draft centered on "may" and "shall" make appointments which offered Council flexibility and his desire to add "(s)" after attorney to offer the Council multiple options to address their legal needs. Commissioner Thompson desired to remove "enforcement of City Charter" as a redundancy to enforcement of all laws but was met with resistance from other Commissioners. Debate centered on an amending proposal to require the review of the City Attorney and a motion on the floor was withdrawn. Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Sullivan moved to amend Subdivision 1 to retain the first sentence as the current Charter inclusive of the word "shall"; amending the second proposed sentence by striking "by affirmative vote of a simple majority of its members"; changing "of" to "by"; and to retain the clause "enforcement of the City Charter". Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion which carried.

Following discussion of Subdivision 2 Commissioner Becker moved to amend the draft by changing "may" to "shall", adding "(s)" behind every word attorney, changing "of" to "by", and striking "by affirmative vote of a simple majority of its members". Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion which carried.

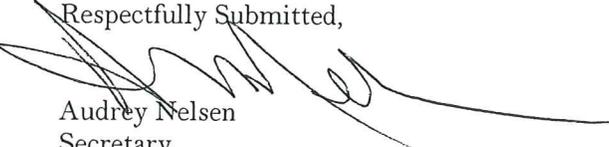
Following discussion of Subdivision 3 Commissioner Sullivan moved to strike "except City Department Heads" and strike the last sentence completely leaving the subdivision to read "all appointments shall require the affirmative votes of at least five (5) members of the Council. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion which carried.

Item 2 The Commission discussed the Council comments regarding the Community Education and Recreation Board meeting and conducting business without a quorum. Staff was directed to review Robert's Rules of Order parliamentary procedures and place it on the next agenda.

The Commission set the next meeting at 1:30 p.m. on January 28, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Audrey Nelsen
Secretary

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