

Mounds View Charter Commission Minutes - APPROVED

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

1. Call to Order. Regular meeting came to order at 6:32 PM.
2. Roll Call. Present: B. Amundsen (Secretary), B. Clawson, D. Erickson, Bob King Jr., J. Peterson, G. Quick, R. Scholl
Excused: M. Munson, R. Warren
Absent:
Also present: Council Liaison Gary Meehlhause, City Attorney Joe Sathe of Kennedy and Graven (K&G)
3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes.
 - A. Approve Agenda.
Vice Chair R. Scholl introduced the Preliminary Agenda.
MOTION, by B. Amundsen, **and seconded**, by B. King Jr., **to adopt the Preliminary Agenda as presented.** Discussion for changes was requested, none were offered. **Motion Adopted.**
 - B. Approve Minutes.
Vice Chair R. Scholl asked for review of the Secretary's May 17, 2022, minutes.
MOTION, by G. Quick, **and seconded**, by B. King Jr., **to approve the Minutes as printed.** Discussion for changes was requested, none were offered. **Motion Adopted.**
4. Citizens Comment from the Floor.
No citizens asked to speak.
5. Reports of Chair.
Vice Chair R. Scholl acknowledged receipt of July 19, 2022, K&G Letter Re: Chapter 4 – Elections: Response to Commission Questions.
6. Reports of Members.
No Commission members made reports.
7. Unfinished Business.
 - A. Chapter 4 Nominations and Elections. Vice Chair R. Scholl introduced the topic for discussion. Commission discussion occurred in the following order:
 - Item 1) Length of time for Council Appointment of vacant council seat. Secretary B. Amundsen reviewed last meeting progress with request to City Attorney and County Elections Office. B. Amundsen reported to the Commission the draft resolution language to amend Chapter 4.05 with a reference to vacancy determination found in Chapter 2.05. **Motion**, by B. Amundsen, **and seconded**, by J. Peterson, **to approve Resolution 2021-03 amending Chapter 4.05 and recommended the Council adopt by ordinance.** Discussion occurred. Vice Chair R. Scholl suggested the Commission hold the item until other Chapter 4 items were available for Commission review and possible approval. Council Liaison G. Meehlhause said there was no issue to hold 3 Public Hearings to address three resolutions. Consensus of the Commission was to hold this item until individual resolutions for the other Chapter 4 issues were also available to review at one meeting. **Motion was withdrawn**, by B. Amundsen, **agreed to by the seconder**, J. Peterson.
 - Item 2) Special Election timing. Vice Chair R. Scholl read out the County responded time from the July 19, 2022, K&G letter. The County response was that 94 days plus two weeks are required, in essence 120 days. Vice Chair R. Scholl also read the County legal responses about Uniform Election Dates in the same K&G letter. Secretary B. Amundsen asked to separate the two responses and focus on Special Election timing as a separate resolution. Discussion occurred to change Chapter 4 Special Election for candidate section to read 120 days where ever 90 days is now recorded. Secretary B. Amundsen offered to draft a resolution to make

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the changes. **Motion**, by B. King Jr., **and seconded**, by B. Clawson, **directing the Secretary to draft language that will amend Chapter 4.05 Special Elections and replace ninety with 120 (one-hundred and twenty) days.** Discussion occurred about the MN statute related to Uniform Election days and impact on the change to 120 days. Discussion with City Attorney resulted in a request to amend the motion to include reference to compliance with MN Statutes on Uniform Election dates. **Motion maker amended, and seconder accepted, the motion to direct the Secretary to draft language that will amend Chapter 4.05 Special Elections to “be in compliance with MN Statute Uniform Election days and include a clarification statement on the approximate number of days this might involve.** Discussion occurred.
Motion Adopted (6 ayes and 1 no).

B. King, Jr left the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Item 4) Chapter 4, Section 4.02, Subdivision 2 Term Limits. Secretary B. Amundsen referred everyone to the K&G letter regarding Term Limits. Joe Sathe (K&G's) recommendation the Commission would need to pass a resolution, and the Council an ordinance, to remove the Chapter 4.02 Subd. 2 Term Limits language. B. Clawson lead discussion about different scenarios of what might happen if the Council ordinance was challenged by a petition, or if a council member candidate challenged the term limit of a re-elected council member. Joe Sathe offered to draft the matching ordinances and submit them for Commission review with the resolutions. **Motion**, by B. Clawson, **and seconded**, by B. Amundsen, **directing the Secretary to draft a resolution that will remove 4.02. Subd. 2 and 3, and renumber the remaining subdivisions.** Discussion occurred. **Motion Adopted.**

Motion, by G. Quick, **and seconded**, by R. Scholl, **to table further discussion on Chapter 4 Nominations and Elections Section 4.05 Vacancy of Municipal Elected Office, Subd. 1 until the next Commission Meeting.** Discussion requested, none occurred. **Motion Adopted.**

8. New Business

A. Resolution 2022-02 Meeting Dates. Vice Chair R. Scholl presented the draft resolution for consideration by the Commission. **Motion**, by G. Quick, **and seconded**, by J. Peterson, **to approve Resolution 2022-02 Meeting Dates for September 2022 to January 2023 as presented.** Discussion occurred about the dates, no amendments were offered. **Motion Adopted.**


9. Next Regular Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is September 20, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

10. Adjournment: With no other items for the Commission to consider, the Vice Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Amundsen,
Secretary, Charter Commission of Mounds View MN

Approved by Charter Commission, on September 20, 2022


Attesting, Brian Amundsen, Secretary, Charter Commission of Mounds View, MN