

MINUTES
WEST ST. PAUL CHARTER COMMISSION
Thursday, February 24, 2022
5:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

Chair Doug Fromm, Commissioners Mark Tessmer, Aaron VanMoorlehem, Matthew Schempp, Tim Haubrich, Kae Jae Johnson, Andrea Friesen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim McKie, Karen Vavreck, Tim Valento

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager Nate Burkett, City Attorney Kori Land, Councilmember Liaison Eng-Sarne, Jim Probst (via Web-Ex).

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Tessmer/Haubrich to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Tessmer/Schempp to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Charter Amendments

City Manager Burkett introduced the Charter Amendments:

- 6.05 Increasing City Manager's spending limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- 6.06. Changing the threshold for public bidding from \$50,000 to \$175,000.
- 7.09. Modifying the language to give flexibility for the City Manager to pay invoices in advance of a Council meeting.

Motion by Haubrich/Friesen to recommend all three Charter Amendments to the City Council. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Redistricting

City Manager Burkett gave the background on the redistricting process. He is requesting that Charter first decide if they want to include “imminent development” and then make a recommendation to the Council on a map. The Commission supported the inclusion of imminent development. The City Manager then reviewed Option 2 and Option 3 maps. There was overall discussion about the differences between the maps and the pros and cons of each.

Motion Johnson/Haubrich to recommend Option 3 map. Motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Charter Commission Members Expiring Terms and Appointment Process

Chair Fromm mentioned those members with terms expiring in 2022.

- Friesen – seeking reappointment
- McKie – not seeking reappointment
- VanMoorlehem – not seeking reappointment
- Probst – seeking reappointment

A meeting will be set at a later date to review applications/conduct interviews/make appointments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by VanMoorlehem/Tessmer. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.