

CHARTER COMMISSION

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MARCH 13, 2018, MEETING

4:30 P.M. – ROOM 104 OF CITY HALL

- A. Administrative Business
 - a. Call Meeting to Order
 - b. Recording of Attendance
 - c. Approve Minutes of February 22, 2018 meeting
 - d. Set Order of Agenda
 - e. Communications
- B. Open Comment Period
- C. Committee Reports
- D. Unfinished and Deferred Business
 - Ranked Choice Voting
- E. New Business
- F. Other business - as may be brought up by members
- G. Adjourn

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MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2018

4:30 P.M. – ROOM 104 CITY HALL

A. Administrative Business

- a. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting of the Commission was held in Room 104 of City Hall and was called to order by Chair Vince Barry at approximately 4:32 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance: Present were commission members Vince Barry, Kathy Meyerle, Jane Belau, Kellie Mueller, Fran Bradley, Leigh Johnson, John Eckerman, Stephanie Podulke, Robert Haeussinger, Marcia Marcoux and Ray Schmitz. Absent were commission members, Fred Suhler, Dick Hall, Dave Senjem and Carol Kamper.
- c. Approval of Minutes: Member Leigh Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018. Motion seconded by member Fran Bradley. Vote: Ayes - 10 ayes; nays- 0. Motion carried.
- d. Set Order of Agenda: Agenda set as ordered.
- e. Communications: Chair Vince Barry outlined the communication pieces as follows:
 - Memo from City Clerk
 - Haeussinger materials

B. Open Comment Period: No public comment taken.

C. Committee Reports: None

D. Unfinished and Deferred Business:

a. Rank Choice Voting Study Session: Deputy City Attorney David Goslee addressed the Board and introduced City Clerk Anissa Hollingshead and Heather Bestler from the County. Hollingshead addressed the Commission and expressed her concerns regarding rank choice voting in terms of ballot design, the ability to be ADA compliant, moving municipal elections to odd number years in addition to the lack of certified equipment to tabulate votes. Heather Bestler, who handles county elections indicated that the County has purchased equipment that will be in place for November elections. In addition to the logistical concerns, there is the impact on how changes would affect the clerk staff and how the current duties are shared between the City & County. Discussion was then opened up to the Commission. Thoughtful discussion was held with some members questioning how this affects councilmember elections that are currently staggered, some expressing a desire to have a public hearing while others questioned whether there was a problem in need of fixing. Members of the Commission commented on a video that St. Louis Park posted regarding rank choice voting and asked that staff provide a link of that video

to the Charter Commission website for the public to view.

Kellie Mueller moved for the Commission to approve for March meeting, a panel of 9 people, to be decided by Commission, to give different perspective and to be held at the Library or council chambers, to gather more information and invite the public to have a public discussion. Motion lacked a second and was not given further consideration.

Member Haeussinger moved to withdraw the tabled item from the January meeting, for further discussion regarding setting a hearing on rank choice voting. Member Schmitz seconded. Vote: Aye – 7; Nay – 3. Motion to remove from table passed.

Member Schmitz moved to discuss the subject of rank choice voting at a regular scheduled meeting in March at a venue to accommodate interested parties and anyone who wishes to attend may speak. Member Meyerle seconded. Open for discussion. Vote: Aye – 3; Nay – 7. Motion defeated.

After further consideration, there was consensus to consider at the March meeting an appropriate structure to consider this topic.

- E. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. with the next scheduled meeting to be held on March 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in conference room 104.