

Brooklyn Park Charter Commission Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

7:30 p.m. Brooklyn Township Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Dwight Cox called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Arlene Breckenridge; Dwight Cox; Dennis Gunther; Marjorie Lindberg; Anthony Mills; and Lona Schreiber

Absent: Christopher Bohler

Also in attendance: Council Liaison Steve Lampi; Staff Liaison Devin Montero

2. Additions/Approval of Agenda of March 11, 2009

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Marjorie Lindberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of February 11, 2009

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Anthony Mills to approve the distributed minutes as amended. (4.2 Review of ~~By~~ By-Laws) Motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business

5. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees.

5.1 March 2 City Council Meeting-Charter Amendment to Section 2.09

Chair Cox stated the amendments to the Charter were presented to the City Council at the March 2 Council meeting and discussions were held on Section 2.09. He stated a recommendation was made to move, "including electronic format" to the end of the sentence for better readability. He stated he recalled at a previous meeting that it was discussed and voted on to be at the end of the sentence.

Motion Dwight Cox and seconded by Arlene Breckenridge to move "including electronic format" to the end of the first sentence of Section 2.09. Motion carried unanimously.

5.2 Discussion of Section 2.02

Staff Liaison Montero stated that in Section 2.02 the second sentence might have a typo and should be clarified. Discussions were held on whether to correct the sentence with "of" or "to" and removing "shall" after item #3.

Motion Lona Schreiber and seconded Marjorie Lindberg to change “employee or” to “employee to” in Section 2.02. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Marjorie Lindberg and seconded by Anthony Mills to remove “shall” after item #3 in Section 2.02. Motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

6.1 City Manager’s Population Report

Staff Liaison Montero presented the City Manager’s Population report. He stated he also provided a map of foreclosures and charts of the deviation percentages, population, and registered voters in each district.

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded Marjorie Lindberg to accept the City Manager’s Population Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were held on the deviation percentages and the population in each district; school district elections in 2009; and Council Member elections in 2010.

Staff Liaison Montero also presented to the Commission a redistricted map that was consider by the City Council in 2005/2006.

Discussions were held on: The continued growth in the Central and West Districts; the deviation percentage still within ten percent standard; registered voters in each district; options to consider redistricting; and the 2010 Census.

Staff Liaison Montero stated that according to the Minnesota Redistricting Timetable, precinct boundaries would be frozen January 1, 2010.

It was the consensus of the Commission to be presented with options at the next commission meeting for consideration

6.2 Review of Chapter 3

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Anthony Mills to continue the review of Chapter 3 to the April 8, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence/Communications.

8. Adjournment

Motion Arlene Breckenridge and seconded by Anthony Mills to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Montero, Staff Liaison