

## CHARTER COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2019

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 interim Chair Leigh Johnson at approximately 4:32 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance: **Present** were commission members, Leigh Johnson, Kathy Meyerle, Fred Suhler, Dave Senjem, John Eckerman, Fran Bradley, Kellie Mueller, Carol Kamper, Stephanie Podulke, Ray Schmitz, and Jane Belau. **Absent** were commission members, Marcia Marcoux.
- c. Approval of Minutes: Meyerle moved to approve minutes of November 13, 2018 with one editorial change in that there were two different voting numbers recorded and should be identical at 7. Vote taken: Aye – 9; Nay – 0; no abstentions. Motion carried.
- d. Set Order of Agenda: Agenda set as offered.
- e. Communications: None.

B. Open Comment Period: With no one wishing to speak, open comment period closed.

C. Committee Reports: Nominating Committee consists of Kathy Meyerle, Leigh Johnson and Fran Bradley. Committee is proposing to nominate the following officers for 2019: Fran Bradley as Chair; John Eckerman as Vice Chair and Kellie Mueller as Secretary.

D. Unfinished and Deferred Business: Dave Goslee updated Commission relative to the proposed amendments going before Council for public hearing at the January 23, 2019 council meeting. The proposed amendments are section 6.07 relating to publication of ordinances and section 8.03 relating to the deputy city clerk position.

### E. New Business:

- a. Update on appointment process: Meyerle referred to the Statute that provides the chief judge has 30 days in which to make appointments. If the chief judge does not act within the time limits, a city council can exercise appointing authority. Discussion was held with a suggestion made that Commission discuss the appointment vacancy process for 2019. Goslee provided background as to the application process in that vacancy language is posted on the City's website and applicants apply on-line through the Human Resources department, which then get referred to the Chief Judge for consideration. Goslee listed the current members

who wished to be considered for re-appointment and also provided the names of the new applicants.

b.) Elections of Officers: Kathy moved the committee nominations as referenced earlier; seconded by Podulke. No other nominations made. Vote: Aye – 10; Nay – 0; Abstentions – 0. New officers are appointed.

c.) 2019 Topics: The following topics were provided for possible discussion topics for 2019: Appendix E as it relates to orientation materials for charter commission; rules of procedure and recording for transparency purposes; the mayor's role; the continued existence of the police civil service commission; review appointment process for charter positions; legal separation; ethics, and mayor/council compensation.

F. Other business: Additional concerns were stated on how to keep autonomy from council and avoid the politics.

G. Adjourn: Next meeting will be March 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. **in conference room 104** of City Hall. Fran Bradley moved to adjourn; seconded by John Eckerman. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.