

CHARTER COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Chair Fran Bradley at approximately 4:30 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance: **Present** were commission members, Fran Bradley, Leigh Johnson, Kathy Meyerle, Fred Suhler, Kellie Mueller, Marcia Marcoux, Jane Belau, Ben Harris, Bari Amadio, Jay Furst, Heather Holmes, Ray Schmitz, John Eckerman and Stephanie Podulke. **Absent** was commission member, Dave Senjem.
- c. Approval of Minutes: Meyerle moved to approve minutes of May 14, 2019; Amadio seconded. Motion approved.
- d. Set Order of Agenda: Agenda set as ordered.
- e. Communications: Chair Bradley identified the attachments as 1) Suhler e-mail with attachments on historical background of boards/commission; 2) Schmitz e-mail with attachment regarding copyright concern.

B. Open Comment Period:

With no one wishing to be heard, open comment period was closed.

- C. Committee Reports: None. Chair Bradley did address the Board and indicated he, Kellie Mueller and John Eckerman met with Chief Judge Jodi Williamson regarding the appointment process and will defer to Kellie to provide further information.

Fran did ask Leigh Johnson to Chair a Legislative Advocacy Committee regarding the legislative amendment as previously discussed. Marcia Marcoux and Dave Senjem will also serve on this Committee.

D. Unfinished and Deferred Business:

a. Appointment Process. Chair Bradley deferred to Kellie Mueller, who stated that Judge Williamson was in agreement to the preliminary questions, felt they were applicable and should remain on application and felt that a background check would be useful.

b. Board & Commissions Application Demo. Michon Rogers from the Mayor's office provided a demonstration of the Board/Commission application process, overview of applicable questions as it relates to the Charter Commission and how citizens may apply. Thoughtful discussion was held and questions arose on whether current members would need to re-apply through this program. Commission members

agreed that upon term expiration, members would apply through the new application process. Chair Bradley thanked Kellie Mueller and John Eckerman for their extra time in reviewing the application process.

c. Proposed legislative amendment update: Chair Bradley addressed the Board and reiterated that Judge Williamson reviewed the proposed amendment and she agreed that the appointment process and Charter Commission process remain separated from anything political. Senator Senjem agreed to draft proposed legislation.

d. Charter Boards Review: Chair Bradley mentioned this item stems from Council President Staver's previous letter inquiring how the creation of the Utility Board, Library Board & Park Board came to be and the current relevancy of each. Much discussion was held and members agreed that a review of each of these Boards would be appropriate, specifically on why they are autonomous and whether an elected official should be participating on these Boards. Member Meyerle would like to review the statute language controlling First Class Cities before suggesting changes. After further discussion, Meyerle agreed to review appropriate statutes regulating the Library as well as the Charter chapter relating to the Library Board and agreed to report back at next meeting. Member Schmitz would like to invite the City Administrator to the next meeting as well to discuss the structure of the City. Member Furst agreed to review the Park Board and the City Attorney will review the research materials pertaining to when Rochester became a City of the First Class.

E. New Business:

a. City Ordinance & Copyright Issue: Ray Schmitz addressed the Board regarding the article from the New York Times relating to copyrighting and how this pertains to the new codification of the Ordinances. City Attorney Loos addressed the concerns and after further discussion no action was taken.

F. Other business: None

G. Adjourn: Next meeting will be November 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. **in conference room 320** of City Hall. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.