



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF ANOKA  
**HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015, 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION ROOM – ANOKA CITY HALL

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Way called the meeting of the City of Anoka Home Rule Charter Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Worksession Room of Anoka City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Baldwin, Collins, Dehn, Drury, Evans, Hammer, Knapek, Olson, Omdahl, Redepenning, Sorensen, Strand, and Way.

Staff present: City Clerk Amy Oehlers, Interim City Manager Greg Lee, City Attorney Scott Baumgartner.

Commissioners absent: Bemel and Canny.

Redepenning announced it was Hammer's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Hammer related how had only missed one annual meeting during his tenure on the Charter Commission, which was due to the urgency of processing a moose.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Annual Meeting of October 14, 2014:

A motion was made by Sorenson to approve the minutes as presented. Olson seconded the motion. Vote taken: All Ayes. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Minutes of Special Meeting of March 9, 2015:

A motion was made by Sorenson to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2015, with the correction that Barb Canny was present at the meeting. Drury seconded the motion. Vote taken: All Ayes. Amended minutes were approved.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Zilla Way announced that she would not be interested in serving as President of the Charter Commission any more.

President Way called for nominations for President. A nomination was made for Dehn to serve as President. Dehn refused the nomination, stating that he does not feel that he has served a long enough time on the Charter Commission to serve in the capacity as President. A nomination and a second to the nomination was made for Sorenson to serve as President. No other nominations were made. Baldwin called for a white ballot vote. Vote taken: All ayes. Sorenson will serve as President of the Charter Commission.

President Way called for nominations for Vice-President. A nomination and a second to the nomination was made to elect Tom Hammer as Vice President. No other nominations were made. Vote taken: All Ayes. Hammer will serve as Vice President of the Charter Commission.

President Way called for nominations for Secretary. A nomination and second to the nomination was made to elect Owen Strand as Secretary. No other nominations were made. Vote taken. All Ayes. Strand will serve as Secretary of the Charter Commission.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business brought before the Charter Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Charter Commission continued the review of the Administrative changes to the City Charter, which began at the special Charter Commission meeting of March 9, 2015. City Clerk Oehlers recapped the proposed administrative changes with the Charter Commission.

Oehlers advised the Charter members that they would need to make decisions on Section 5.03 and 5.04 of the City Charter, which deals with the process of Recall of a City Councilmember. Oehlers advised that the Charter Commission should make the following determinations:

1. If the elected official sought to be removed by a Petition for Recall should be allowed to vote on the sufficiency of the petition and the allegations of malfeasance and/or nonfeasance brought against themselves within the petition.
2. If the vote determination by the City Council should be a majority of members present at the meeting at which the vote occurs, or a majority of the total membership of the City Council, or if a 4/5's vote of either should be required.

After Commission discussion, a motion was made by Baldwin, which was seconded by Olson to allow the member sought to be recalled to vote on the issue, and that the passage of the vote be by a simple majority of the Councilmembers present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. The motion carried with ten (10) Charter Commission members voting in favor of the motion and three (3) members voting in opposition of the motion. Motion carried.

Sorenson asked for clarification of the meaning and pertinence of the sentence in Section 5.05 that reads: "The said method of removal shall be accumulative and additional to the method herein and in this Charter otherwise provided". By consensus, the Charter Commission directed the City Attorney to review that language and report back to the Commission at the Annual Charter Commission meeting in 2016.

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Drury, which was seconded by Evans, to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken. All ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

*Minutes drafted by Charter Commission Secretary Owen Strand*

Approval Attestation: Amy T. Oehlers, City Clerk