

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

August 5, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Members Present: Commissioners Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Ferrara, Garcia, Kozak, Lickness, Metge, Peltola, Perry, Rubenstein, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf, Street

Members Excused: Commissioner Heinle

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. Adopt Agenda

On motion, seconded, the agenda was adopted. Absent: Heinle

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of June 3, 2015

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On motion, seconded, the minutes were approved. Absent: Heinle

4. Chair's Report

5. In Memoriam: Devin P. Rice

Commissioner Kozak gave a moving eulogy on the passing of Commission Rice, acknowledging the presence of, and expressing condolences to, his wife and children who were in attendance, and a moment of silence was observed in his honor.

Discussion

6. Board of Estimate 7th Seat

There was general discussion concerning the structure, composition, and membership of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) and whether or not an amendment restoring a seventh seat on the BET would be appropriate. BET Commissioner Becker and Assistant to the Mayor Peter Wagenius both addressed the Commission.

Chair Clegg requested anyone wishing to submit a proposal stating their case on the merits of a possible ballot question to submit said request to him within the next 30 days. All submitted proposals will be posted with the next agenda for consideration and discussion at the October 7, 2015, Charter Commission meeting.

7. Debt: Professional Sports Facility

City Attorney Burt Osborne was directed to provide additional information to the Charter Commission at their October 7, 2015, meeting, including how the City was legally issuing debt beyond an apparent charter-imposed limitation of \$15 million on capital projects.

Public Commentary

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

On motion, seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Absent: Heinle

Submitted by Diana Armstrong, Charter Commission Coordinator