



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

Charter Commission

Jesse William Busta
Bruce Clark
Kathleen Donnelly-Cohen
Jon Fure
Michael Hahm
John Paul Kirr
Chai Lee
Cosandra Lloyd
Garrison McMurtrey
Deborah Montgomery
Maisue Thao
Darren Tobolt
Erica Valliant
Rick Varco
Carrie Wasley

Monday, August 7, 2023

4:00 PM

Room 220, City Hall

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Deborah Montgomery, Carrie Wasley, Kathi Donnelly-Cohen, John Paul Kirr, Jesse William Busta, Rick Varco, Jon Fure, Darren Tobolt, Michael Hahm, Chai Lee, Garrison McMurtrey, and Erica Valliant

Absent 3 - Bruce Clark, Maisue Thao, and Cosandra Lloyd

NEW BUSINESS

[CCI 23-4](#)

Election of Charter Commission officers.

Donnelly-Cohen nominates Montgomery for Chair, Tobolt nominates Varco for Chair. Montgomery and Varco accept nominations and a vote is taken by raising hands. Montgomery receives 4 votes, Varco receives 6 votes. Varco is now Chair of the Charter Commission.

Commissioner Lee arrives at 4:02 PM.

Tobolt nominates Montgomery for Vice Chair. Montgomery accepts. A voice vote is taken and Montgomery receives a unanimous 11 votes.

Commissioner McMurtrey arrives at 4:05 PM.

Montgomery nominates Donnelly-Cohen for Secretary. Donnelly-Cohen accepts. A voice vote is taken and Donnelly-Cohen receives a unanimous 12 votes.

Yea: 12 - Montgomery, Wasley, Donnelly-Cohen, Paul Kirr, William Busta, Varco, Fure, Tobolt, Hahm, Lee, McMurtrey, and Valliant

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Clark, Thao, and Lloyd

[CCI 23-5](#)

Recommending the Amendment to Section 17.07.1. (c), of the Saint Paul City Charter, with regard to Commercial Development Districts and public hearings.

City Council Operations Director Hausz gave an overview of the item that was referred to Charter Commission from the City Council. Commissioners had a chance to ask questions. There was discussion on how long the Charter Commission had before needing to take action on this item. More clarification needed from City Attorneys Office. A Public Hearing on this item will be held at a future date.

Commissioner McMurtery left at 4:20 PM.

Moved by Hahm, Charter Commission Items is Discussed, Amended and Laid Over to the Charter Commission, due back on 9/5/2023. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Yea: 11 - Montgomery, Wasley, Donnelly-Cohen, Paul Kirr, William Busta, Varco, Fure, Tobolt, Hahm, Lee, and Valliant

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 - Clark, Thao, McMurtrey, and Lloyd

[CCI 23-6](#)

Extending the time to review the amendment to Section 17.07.1. (c) of the Saint Paul Charter for 90 days.

Moved by Tobolt, Charter Commission Items is Approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Yea: 11 - Montgomery, Wasley, Donnelly-Cohen, Paul Kirr, William Busta, Varco, Fure, Tobolt, Hahm, Lee, and Valliant

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 - Clark, Thao, McMurtrey, and Lloyd

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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