



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

Charter Commission

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Acooa Ellis

Jon Fure

Michael Hahm

Chai Lee

Cosandra Lloyd

Garrison McMurtrey

Deborah Montgomery

Joe Spencer

John Stiles

Maisue Thao

Darren Tobolt

Erica Valliant

Rick Varco

Carrie Wasley

Thursday, December 12, 2024

3:00 PM

Room 40, City Hall

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Deborah Montgomery, Carrie Wasley, Jesse William Busta, Rick Varco, Jon Fure, Maisue Thao, Darren Tobolt, Michael Hahm, Chai Lee, Garrison McMurtrey, Cosandra Lloyd, Erica Valliant, Acooa Ellis, Joe Spencer, and John Stiles

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[CCI 24-9](#)

Approving the November 26, 2024 Charter Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Stiles moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lee. A voice was taken. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Yea: 12 - Wasley, William Busta, Varco, Fure, Thao, Tobolt, Hahm, Lee, McMurtrey, Lloyd, Valliant, and Stiles

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Montgomery, Ellis, and Spencer

CITIZEN COMMENTS

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[CCI 24-8](#)

Recommending the amendment to Chapter 6.03.1 of the Saint Paul Charter pertaining to the imposition of civil penalties for violations of city ordinances.

Commissioner Montgomery arrives at 3:10 PM.

A public hearing was held; four members of the public spoke, three in favor, one opposed. Chair Varco closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Spencer arrives at 3:40 PM.

Safety and Inspections Director Angie Wiese, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Deputy Director Beth Commers, Public Works Director Sean Kershaw, Assistant City Attorney Megan Hafner, and City Council Chief Budget Officer/Interim Director Jay Willms presented additional material to the Commission.

Commissioner Ellis arrives at 4:15 PM.

Commissioners discussed the resolution and asked questions to city staff.

Commissioner Lee moved approval of the item, seconded by Commissioner Tobolt. Commissioners had an additional opportunity to share their thoughts on the item or how they were considering voting.

A roll call vote was taken. The resolution passed by a 12-3 vote, Commissioners Llyod, Montgomery, and Thao voted in opposition.

Yea: 12 - Wasley, William Busta, Varco, Fure, Tobolt, Hahm, Lee, McMurtrey, Valliant, Ellis, Spencer, and Stiles

Nay: 3 - Montgomery, Thao, and Lloyd

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

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