



**Minutes of Meeting
December 17, 2019**

1. Call to order.

Chair Hargroder called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with a quorum present. Absent included: Marge Madariaga, Rosie Flores, Rebecca Hester, Perry Roberts, Steven Byrum-Bratsen.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hargroder led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

2. Comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

3. Approval of minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting.

Michael Holton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting. Diana Tahtinen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on various topics regarding the establishment of a Home Rule Charter.

The Commission members reviewed the following edits the City Attorney made for clarity and no member objected. Edits are found in the following sections from earlier versions.

Article 1. Brenda Dillon made a motion to approve Article 1 as written in its entirety. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Article 2. It was noted that Article 2 had been approved previously in its entirety.

Article 3 actions as follows:

- Section 3.01(g)(1). Timothy Varlack made a motion to specify there will be no boundary changes until after the May 2022 election. Douglas Chumley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Section 3.01(g)(1). Brenda Ledbetter made a motion to approve the Districts' Boundaries Commission shall have the final say on developing the initial boundaries in order to avoid local partisan boundary considerations. Brenda Dillon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 3.01(g)(1). City Attorney to add language the district boundaries cannot be changed until after the May 2022 election year, to establish the transition in election from General Law to the Charter provisions.
- Section 3.01(g)(2). City Attorney to add language the Council may review the district boundaries at any time at the discretion of the Council (with the exception of the timeframe before May 2022) and must review as soon as practicable after the release of federal census data.
- Section 3.01(g)(6). City Attorney to add language the city "must consult with independent experts..." and remove "professional demographers".
- Section 3.02(b). Brenda Dillon made a motion to approve Section 3.02(b) as written. Brenda Ledbetter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 3.04. The Commission agreed they would prefer the Council serve at no pay (provided they are reimbursed for their expenses), but the City Attorney is still researching whether they are covered as volunteers on liability insurance. To be reported at the next meeting.
- Section 3.06. City Attorney to add a provision that states the provision that a person remains in office until a successor is sworn in does not apply in the case of a vacancy under Section 3.06.
- City Attorney to prepare a new section to provide language to continuity of government in the event of a catastrophic loss of Council members.

5. Adjournment.

Michael Holton made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Brenda Dillon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

Passed and approved this 15th day of January, 2020



Rebecca Hester, Commission Secretary