



**Minutes of Meeting
November 20, 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, Michael Holton, Timothy Varlack, Brenda Ledbetter.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

4. Approval of minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting.

Robert Wall made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

The following was discussed and approved by the Commission: Note the Draft Charter document contains more detailed notes. This reflects actions and directives.

- Rebecca Hester made a motion to approve the Preamble, Editor's note and Section 1.01 of the Draft Charter. Robert Wall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously
- Rebecca Barnett made a motion to approve Sections 1.02, 1.03 and 1.04 with amendments. Douglas Chumley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Note: There will be additional clarification on the specific date of incorporation in Section 1.02.
- Diana Tahtinen made a motion to approve Sections 2.01 and 2.02 as amended. Brenda Dillon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with ~~Steen~~ Steven


Byrum-Bratsen abstaining as he came in late to the meeting as this was being discussed.) Note: There will be additional clarification in Section 2.03 to limit the eminent domain to ensure it will not be used for the benefit of private developments)

- Section 3.01 was discussed with a number of changes to reflect the following
 - The Mayor is a member of the City Council for all purposes.
 - The process for election of the Mayor and Council members was discussed. At large and district representation was discussed, as well as residency requirements for both candidates and voters.
 - The Charter Commission will be constituted every five years to make recommendations for possible changes in the Charter. The Charter Commission will also be convened as a District Boundaries Commission every five years to review and make recommendations regarding the district boundary lines.
 - The process for phasing in the election of Mayor and Council members was discussed.
 - The question of whether an incumbent will be required to resign if he/she elects to run for another office while holding an office was discussed.
- Section 3.02 was discussed but no action pending further research by the City Attorney
 - Determine if the qualifications outlined in the election code can be more restrictive in the Charter.
 - Determine the residency requirements in the election code for both the candidate and the voter.

6. Adjournment.

Steven Byrum-Bratsen made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Brenda Dillon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

Passed and approved this 3rd day of December, 2019



Rebecca Hester, Commission Secretary