



**City of Moorhead  
Moorhead Charter Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2013 at 8:00 AM  
City Hall Boardroom**

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**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

Board Member:	James Danielson	Arrived at 8:11 am
Board Member:	Francine Gilmore	Present
Board Member:	Eldon Wollman	Present
Board Member:	Kenneth Tangen	Present
Board Member:	Russell Hanson	Arrived at 8:24 am
Board Member:	Darvin Landa	Present
Board Member:	James Steen	Present
Board Member:	Ronald Hagemann	Present until 9:10 am
Board Member:	Athena Gracyk	Absent
Board Member:	Douglas Fagerlie	Present
Board Member:	Thomas Krabbenhoft	Present
Board Member:	Richard Bolton	Present
Board Member:	Yoke-Sim Gunaratne	Present until 9:20 am

**Call to Order**

Minutes: Chair Bolton called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Minutes: Roll call of the Commission members was noted.

**Approval of Minutes**

[August 7, 2013 Minutes](#)

Minutes: Douglas Fagerlie noted the correction of 9:20 am instead of pm for the adjourned time along with adding "maximum" of 25% of gross revenues is transferred.

Motion to approve minutes of August 7, 2013 as amended by Fagerlie seconded by Landa; motion approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports of the Chair, Officers, Commissions and Committees**

Introduction of New Members & Administered Oaths of Office

**Public Comment**

John Bolger, Moorhead Public Service Attorney, submitted a memo in response to John Shockley, City Attorney, memorandum to the Charter Commission. MPS believes the

system that we have now works, two members of the City Council and two members of the MPS Commission are meeting to discuss the transfer.

John Shockley, City Attorney, provided a brief history on this issue and provided a possible interpretation of the MN Statute 645.16. The Charter Commission has not made any indication of any possible change.

Council Member Otto announced that it's a balance of power, having the word "net" in the Charter gives MPS all the power, they set their rates to pay for expenditures, if there is no extra funds, the City does not receive that transfer. The City brings in the businesses, we do the lobbying, and until recently it was a partnership.

Motion to remove from the table made by Danielson seconded by Krabbenhoft; motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made to not make any changes to the Charter at this time made by Steen, seconded by Landa; motion approved by unanimous vote.

## **Unfinished Business**

### [Update on Even Year Election Charter Change](#)

Minutes: Michelle French, City Clerk, provided a brief update on the results of the election. John Shockley, City Attorney, explained the next steps to implementing the change.

Charter Commission members thanked Kenneth Tangen on the leadership role on the election.

### [Update on Council Authority and Moorhead Public Service Commission Authority](#)

## **New Business**

### Role of Legal Counsel in Relation to Charter Commission

Minutes: Motion to table made by Tangen seconded by Fagerlie; motion approved by unanimous vote.

## **Adjourn at 9:45 am**

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Michelle French, City Clerk*