



**City of Moorhead  
Charter Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2019 at 8:00 AM  
City Council Chambers**

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

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| Board Member: | Russell Hanson     | Present |
| Board Member: | Thomas Krabbenhoft | Present |
| Board Member: | Mark Voxland       | Present |
| Board Member: | Julian Dahlquist   | Present |
| Board Member: | Eldon Wollman      | Present |
| Board Member: | Corey Delorme      | Absent  |
| Board Member: | Athena Gracyk      | Present |
| Board Member: | Dave Sederquist    | Present |
| Board Member: | Joel Rehder        | Present |
| Chair:        | James Steen        | Present |
| Board Member: | Cathi Chial        | Present |

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Minutes: Cathi Chial exited 9:08am

**Approval of Minutes**

1. **March 20, 2019 Charter Minutes**

Minutes: Removal of Kent Tangen and Darvin Landa due to no longer being members of the Charter. Cathi Chial to be listed as absent in the minutes.

Motion to approve with amendments made by Athena Gracyk and seconded by Mark Voxland  
**Motion to approve minutes with amendments**

Motion None

For: 8 - Julian Dahlquist, Eldon Wollman, Cathi Chial, James Steen, Thomas Krabbenhoft,  
Mark Voxland, Dave Sederquist, Joel Rehder

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Corey Delorme

Recused: 0 - (None)

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

Minutes: Oaths of Office administered to Cathi Chial and Dave Sederquist. Chair James Steen informed that proper notifications must be sent out to ensure all Charter Commission members are in attendance. Copies of the updated Charter Commission binder should be distributed to all members. Charter Commission Bylaws need updating to reflect the amendment voted at the September 14, 2014 meeting. The amendment recorded in the minutes of the September 14, 2014 meeting states "the Chair or his/her designee be the only spokesperson to the media"

**Public Comment**

Minutes: None

## Unfinished Business

### 2. Chamber Membership Amendment

Minutes: Assistant City Manager Dan Mahli updated the Charter Commission on the proposed amendment which would allow the City Council to have the option of obtaining Chamber Membership. City Attorney John Shockley informed the Charter Commission of the Minnesota Attorney General's opinion that cities cannot become members of local chambers of commerce. However, Home Rule Charters may amend the Charter to allow the membership. Mr. Shockley further explained the process should the Charter vote to send the amendment to the City Council. City Manager Chris Volkens presented to the Charter Commission the benefits of the City Council having the option to be members of the local Chamber Of Commerce. Charter Commission members had detailed discussion regarding the amendment; and adding language to allow other organizations.

Motion to add language to the proposed Chamber Membership amendment made by **Joel Rehder** and seconded by **Julian Dahlquist**

**Motion made to add language regarding Chamber Membership Amendment to include 'Other Organizations'**

For: 7 - Julian Dahlquist, Eldon Wollman, Cathi Chial, James Steen, Thomas Krabbenhoft, Dave Sederquist, Joel Rehder

Against: 3 - Russell Hanson, Athena Gracyk, Mark Voxland

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Corey Delorme

Recused: 0 - (None)

Motion to send amendment to City Council made by Joel Rehder and seconded by Julian Dahlquist

**Motion to send the proposed amendment regarding Chamber Membership Amendment**

Motion None

For: 8 - Julian Dahlquist, Eldon Wollman, Cathi Chial, James Steen, Thomas Krabbenhoft, Mark Voxland, Dave Sederquist, Joel Rehder

Against: 2 - Russell Hanson, Athena Gracyk

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Corey Delorme

Recused: 0 - (None)

### 3. Primary Elections (Information to Follow)

Minutes: City Attorney John Shockley presented information to the Charter Commission regarding possible City Primary elections for seats of Council and the Mayor; which would occur with the State Primary Election.

A citizen presented to the Charter Commission election information from the Minnesota Secretary of State website and their point of view on why the City of Moorhead should not have a municipal Primary Election.

Charter Commission members had detailed discussion on the item and requested voting history for the City of Moorhead from the Minnesota Secretary of State website. Charter Commission members tabled the issue until more information is gathered and Commissioners are able to speak with residents.

## New Business

Minutes: Commissioner Mark Voxland requested to have the Mayors voting rights as an item on the agenda for the next meeting. The Charter Commission had detailed discussion and requested information on the discussion of Mayoral voting from previous meetings.

**Adjourn at 9:29am**

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Michelle Brekken, City Clerk*