

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 21, 2024 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Maplewood Library – Community Room
3025 Southlawn Drive Maplewood, Minnesota 55109

1. Call to Order: Chair Nancy Haas called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Completed by Jason Yang

District	Charter Commission Member	Present	Excused	Unexcused
1	Ann Maslansky-Takahashi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Eugene (Gene) Nichols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Lisa M. Laliberte – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	John Niedfeldt-Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Nancy Haas - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Prince Corbett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bethany Winkels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	William (Bill) Lindeke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Jazmin Glaser-Kelly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Gloria Bogen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	VACANT (Hoang Murphy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Matthew Emerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jo Emerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	William (Bill) Kempe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Angela (Angie) Thies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Jonathan (Jon) Schumacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Allen Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: A simple majority of members present at a meeting is sufficient for adoption of any motion, except for motion (1) to amend the bylaws, or (2) to submit a proposed amendment to an election. For these votes, a majority equal to quorum is required.

Guests: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager
 Susan Earle, Chief Financial Officer

Also Present: Stacey D’Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney’s Office
 Jason Yang, Planner, Ramsey County Manager’s Office

3. Approval of October 21, 2024 Agenda: Motioned by Bethany Winkels, and seconded by Mathew Emerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.
4. Motion to **am**end the August 5, 2024 Minutes: Motioned by Allen Hoppe, and seconded by Mathew Emerson.
 - a. **Section 7D.2: correct Chair and Vice-Chair titles and include Mathew Emerson as Vice-Chair for consideration.**
 - b. **Remove members under all sub-committees.**
5. Approval of the amended August 5, 2024 Minutes: Motioned by Allen Hoppe, and seconded by Mathew Emerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.
6. New Business
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Presentation: 2025 Recommended Supplemental Budget by Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Susan Earle, Ramsey County Chief Financial Officer

County Manager Ling Becker provided an overview of the proposed Ramsey County Supplemental Budget, which included Ramsey County's strategic priorities, community indicators in partnership with community organizations, and the county's 3-tier approach to measuring performance.

Chief Financial Officer Susan Earle provided an overview of the proposed tax levy, changes to the proposed 2025 budget, and foundational themes driving allocation of funding to service teams.
 - Link to [Approved 2024-2025 Ramsey County Biennial Budget](#)
 - Link to [Proposed 2025 Ramsey County Supplemental Budget](#)
Charter Commission members had an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed supplemental budget, including department funding allocations, service team structures, and the supplemental budget meeting dates for 2024.
 - c. Motion to declare vacancies: Motioned by John Niedfeldt-Thomas, and seconded by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - i. District 1 – Ann Maslansky – Takahashi
 - ii. District 2 – John Niedfeldt-Thomas
 - iii. District 3 – Prince Corbett
 - iv. District 4 – Bethany Winkels
 - v. District 5 – Gloria Bogen
 - vi. District 6 – Hoang Murphy
 - vii. District 7 – William Kempe
 - viii. At – Large – Angela Thies

- d. Motion to approved proposed meeting dates and time for 2025: Motioned by Allen Hoppe, and seconded by John Niedfeldt-Thomas. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - i. Workshop: Training and Orientation for Charter Commission Members January 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
 - ii. Quarter 1 Meeting: February 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
 - iii. Quarter 2 Meeting: May 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
 - iv. Quarter 3 Meeting: August 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
 - v. Quarter 4 Meeting: October 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- 7. Citizen Input (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. None for input.
- 8. Committee Reports
 - a. Chair Reports – Chair Nancy Haas
 - i. Chair Haas reviewed the workplan template with the Charter Commission members from 2022 and provided some historical context regarding the workplan to help set committee expectations for 2025.
 - b. Budget Committee Report – Chair Matthew Emerson
 - i. Commissioner members had an opportunity to review the proposed budget letter and provided comment, which included support for the strategic priorities and the counties proactive approach to being transparent in the budget process.
 - ii. Motion to approved proposed budget letter and submit to Ramsey County Attorney to review before sending it to Ramsey County Manager: Motioned by Bethany Winkels, and seconded by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - c. Charter Review Committee Report – Co-Chairs Matthew Emerson and Eugene Nichols
 - i. No reports.
 - d. Nomination Committee Report – Chair Eugene Nichols
 - i. Motion to elect John Niedfeldt-Thomas as the Charter Commission Chair for 2025 by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi, seconded by Bethany Winkels. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - ii. Motion to elect Matthew Emerson as the Charter Commission Vice-Chair for 2025 by Gloria Bogen, seconded by Jo Emerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Recycling and Energy presenter
- b. Difference between city and county charter
- c. Presentation on state statute 38.a
- d. Does the county see it's work reflected in the Home Rule Charter?
- e. Law, safety, and justice

10. Adjournment

- a. Chair Haas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gloria Bogen.
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday January 27, 2025
Location: To Be Decided