

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Minutes of Monday, October 19, 2020 – 7 PM

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § § 13D.021 and 13D.04, subd. 3, Chief Legal Counsel of Ramsey County has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Charter Commission members will participate online via Zoom by telephone or other electronic means. Public participation is available online via Zoom with live access to the meeting at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/charter-commission/charter-commission-agendas-and-minutes>. The video recording of the meeting will be posted within one day of the meeting at the link noted above.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Bill Kempe called meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. ROLL CALL Attendance: Completed by Jenny Xiong. Jeff Stephenson provided an introduction for the record.

<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Murphy	District 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joshua (Josh) Ortiz	District 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Reeves	District 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lindsay	District 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ache Wakai	District 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Humphrey	District 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Dunsworth	District 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Parrish, Sr.	District 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacquelyn (Jacquie) Thomas	District 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Thies	District 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Haas	District 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John O’Phelan	District 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bethany Winkels	District 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William (Bill) Kempe	At Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Garth	District 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Suess	At Large
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan (Sue) Majerus	At Large

Also present: Amy Schmidt, County Attorney’s Office
 Janet Guthrie, Chief Clerk – County Board
 Jenny Xiong, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer
 Elizabeth Tolzmann, Director Policy and Planning
 Ryan O’Connor, Ramsey County Manager

3. Approval of October 19, 2020 Agenda: Motion by Mike Lindsay to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon Garth. ROLL CALL was held all voted in favor.
4. Approval of September 14, 2020 Minutes (Attachment): Motion by Laura Suess to approve the minutes, seconded by John O’Phelan. ROLL CALL was held all voted in favor.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:
 - A. Performance Measures and 2021 Supplemental Budget (3 Attachments)
 Presentation by County Manager Ryan O’Connor, Policy Director Elizabeth Tolzmann and Chief Financial Officer Alex Kotze: Ryan O’Connor shared the Supplemental Budget

and that priorities from last year's budget have not changed. Everything is rooted in Resident's First and how residents are experiencing our system. Elizabeth Tolzmann covered Performance Measures and details on indicators. She highlighted the plan to partner with community in order to reach goals. Last year, community visioning sessions were held to find out what indicators were important to residents. Alex Kotze added that flexibility and ability to pivot are important. There is a need to increase community engagement.

- B. Charter Commission Roles and Responsibilities – County Attorney's Office (Attachment): Discussion was held on whether the Charter Commission has the authority to amend the Home Rule Charter. Yes, but it requires going to the voters during a general election. Member roles were highlighted including the role to periodically review the Charter to ensure it is up to date. Josh Ortiz clarified roles and referred to the attached documents got further discussion. Continued discussion and points shared from Sharon Garth reiterating member review of the Charter for changes, and John O'Phelan referred to the explicit overruling of general statutes. Amy Schmidt also shared the state statutes that apply to attorneys and the second chapter that applies to the Sheriff.
 - C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021: Nominating Committee: Motion by Bill Kempe to appoint Nancy Haas as the 2021 Chair, seconded by Sharon Garth. Motion by Sue Majerus to appoint Angie Thies as the 2021 Vice Chair, seconded by Robert Humphrey. ROLL CALL was held all voted in favor.
 - D. Approval of Dates for 2021 Meetings: February 1, 2021; May 3, 2021; August 2, 2021; and October 18, 2021. Nancy Haas requested to amend the list to add a workshop before the February 1, 2021 meeting, seconded by Bill Kempe. The date was yet to be determined. ROLL CALL was held all voted in favor.
- 7. Citizen Comments/Input: Bill Kempe read off comments written by community members through the Zoom chat for record.
 - 8. Future Agenda Items:
 - A. Workshop to discuss Robert's Rules
 - 9. Farewell to Joe Murphy and Robert Humphrey: On behalf of the Charter Commission, Janet Guthrie thanked both for their service with the Charter Commission.
 - 10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bethany Winkels, seconded by Robert Humphrey. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined (Prior to February 1, 2021)
Virtual Zoom meeting for Charter Commission members, staff, and the public.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Xiong, Administrative Assistant