

MINUTES
WEST ST. PAUL CHARTER COMMISSION
Wed., Feb. 26, 2020
5:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL CENTER
LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Aaron VanMoorlehem, Commissioners Mark Tessmer, Doug Fromm, Tim Haubrich, Jim McKie, Karen Vavreck, Jim Probst, Matthew Schempp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendy DeVore, Andrea Friesen, Tim Valento

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Kori Land, City Manager Ryan Schroeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair VanMoorlehem called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Probst/Vavreck to adopt the agenda. All ayes.

4. CONSENT

A. Approve Meeting Minutes of Sept. 25, 2019

Motion by Tessmer/Probst to approve the minutes. All ayes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Salaries

Attorney Land outlined the memo in the packet and the supplemental comparison salaries information provided by the City Manager. Charter Commission discussed increasing the salaries by the same COLA as was received by the West St. Paul unions and staff for 2020. City Manager Schroeder indicated that was 2.75%. Charter Commission members thought an automatic increase in 2021 and then again in 2022 of 2.75% was appropriate given the magnitude of communication expectations by the public of the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Probst/Fromm to increase the salaries by 2.75% in 2021 and 2.75% in 2022. All ayes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission decided to set the next meeting date for Sept. 23, 2020 at 5:30, noting that the following items should be on the agenda:

- Appoint members: applications should be included in the packet
- Update on RCV
- Update on sidewalk assessments policy
- Discuss Charter section 3.04 subd. 1 requiring approval of “all members of the Council” for ordinances, resolutions and motions, (meaning for 4 votes) making it impossible for 3 votes to pass an item, even if that would be a majority of those present. The Commission wondered if this was common in other cities.

Motion by Haubrich/Fromm. All ayes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Tessmer/McKie. All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.