



City of Blaine

Charter Commission

February 11, 2025 | 6:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by Chair Lester followed by the Roll Call.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Jeffrey Lester, Commissioners Ayman Ali Khan, Ken Anderson, Tom Doran, Alan Goracke, Terri Homan, Abdi Hussein, Arman Tagarro, Nyle Zikmund

ABSENT: Commissioners Jason Halpern, Jason Hartmann, Dick Swanson

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Cathy Sorensen

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. 2025-73 Approval of Minutes
Sponsors:

Moved by Commissioner Zikmund, seconded by Goracke, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting as presented.

Motion adopted unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

No one appeared.

5. New Business

5.1. 2025-75 Potential Topics and Meeting Schedule Discussion
Sponsors:

Discussion was held on potential topics for Commission discussion and upcoming meeting schedule. After discussion, consensus of the Commission was to review the three proposed charter amendments from 2024 for presentation to council in 2025: council salaries, council recall, and ward redetermination. The Commission agreed on the following meeting dates for 2025, which could be changed or canceled if not needed: May 13, August 12, and November 18. City Clerk Sorensen said she would forward the staff reports and minutes from both Commission meetings and Council meetings regarding each proposed

amendment prior to the May 13 meeting.

Discussion was held on incompatible offices and conflicts of interest and how that is addressed in Charter. Ms. Sorensen stated the Charter currently includes language on incompatible offices and that conflicts of interest for councilmembers is addressed in the code of ethics, code of conduct, and statute, but would add a review of the code of ethics portion of Charter to the list of upcoming topics.

6. Old Business

- 6.1.** 2025-74 Recap of Proposed Charter Commission Amendments: Council Salaries, Council Recall, Ward Redetermination
Sponsors:

City Clerk Sorensen shared a recap of status of the three proposed charter amendments from 2024.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Doran, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27PM. Motion adopted unanimously.