



City of Blaine

Charter Commission

October 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Lester called the meeting to order at 6:20PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Jeffrey Lester, Commissioners Ken Anderson, Tom Doran, Al Goracke, Jason Hartmann, Terri Homan, Jasen Howard, Abdi Hussein, Trace Ludewig, Ashton Ramsammy, and Arman Tagarro.

ABSENT: Commissioners Ali Khan, Jason Halpern, and Nyle Zikmund

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Cathy Sorensen

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. 2025-550 Approval of Minutes
Sponsors:

Motion by Commissioner Homan, seconded by Commissioner Tagarro, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2025, charter commission meeting. Motion adopted unanimously.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input

No one appeared.

5. New Business

The commission addressed council feedback from the October 13 workshop concerning the proposed charter amendment to enhance the city manager's purchasing authority. Comments from the council highlighted concerns regarding the timing of the increase following the appointment of a new city manager, while also indicating some support for a gradual increase over a designated timeframe. The commission contemplated the timing of any recommendation, suggesting the first quarter of 2026, prior to the candidate filing period. Staff was tasked with determining the number of special meetings convened in the past to address contracts exceeding the current purchase limit and whether the new city manager's contract included a probationary period that could influence the timing of a potential increase. The commission reached a

consensus to revisit this topic at the November meeting, in addition to discussing the council recall amendment.

6. Old Business

6.1. ORD 25-2590 Re-Initiate Process for Recommendation of an Ordinance Amending Sec. 2.07. Salaries of the Blaine City Charter

Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

City Clerk Cathy Sorensen reported that the proposed charter amendment concerning council salaries was removed from the October 6 meeting due to the absence of two council members, which precluded a unanimous vote necessary for adoption. She indicated that, given the clear statutory timeline from a commission recommendation to a formal council vote, staff recommended that the commission restart the process with a renewed recommendation presented this evening. If approved, staff will publish the amendment for a public hearing and first reading on November 3, followed by a second reading and adoption on November 17.

A motion by Commissioner Ludewig, seconded by Commissioner Doran, was made to re-initiate the process and recommend an ordinance amending Sec. 2.07 Salaries of the Blaine City Charter. The motion was adopted unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Ludewig, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43PM. Motion adopted unanimously.