

CITY OF BLAINE  
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BLAINE CHARTER COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room  
Blaine City Hall

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sadat-Hendi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Chair Sadat-Hendi, Vice Chair Berk, Commissioners Goracke, Halpern, Hartmann, Homan, Lester, Ponds, Rowe, Saroya

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Clerk/Staff Liaison Cathy Sorensen

Quorum present.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2017**

Moved by Commissioner Homan, seconded by Commissioner Goracke, that the minutes of September 12, 2017, be approved.

Motion approved unanimously.

**4. OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

No one appeared.

**5. OLD BUSINESS – Recap of Blaine Charter Commission Activities 2018**

City Clerk Sorensen provided a recap of the Blaine Charter Commission activities from 2018 which included reappointment of Commissioners Terri Homan and Jeffrey Lester to 4-year terms expiring May 31, 2021, reappointment of Commissioners Gigi Sadat-Hendi, Alan Goracke, Jason Hartmann, and Tonya Rowe to 4-year terms expiring May 31, 2022, review of Charter Commission activities 2017-2018, and review of proposed League of Minnesota Cities Policy Modernizing Charter Amendment Process.

**6. NEW BUSINESS – Modernizing Charter Amendment Process**

City Clerk Sorensen shared the proposed policy recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities Elections Task Force that supports updating Charter amendment petition requirements in both State Statute and Minnesota Rules.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Commission held discussion regarding purchases and contract limits for City Manager that included budgeted items, inclusion on the schedule of bills paid for Council approval, implement two-tier approval process at a certain level if desired. Commission consensus was to bring item back to 2019 meeting for further review.

## **6. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

City Clerk Sorensen said she will contact the Commission to schedule the 2019 annual meeting.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk  
Staff Liaison/Blaine Charter Commission