

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF AFTON CHARTER COMMISSION
July 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: John Barclay, Julianne Berg, Bonnie Blackley, Lynn Farley, Rock Gjermo, Jon Kingstad, Kenn Kopitzke, Kathleen McGinn (arrived 7:30 p.m.), Debbie Nelson (arrived 8:10 p.m.) Carol Wiessner.

Absent: Tony Berg, Mike Frichol, Tom Giannetti, Dan Oehlke

Roll call: A quorum having been indicated as present so Secretary and Acting chair Jon Kingstad called meeting to order at 7: 14 p.m.

Minutes of June 29, 2009 meeting: Bonnie Blackley moved to table until corrections in Minutes were finalized. John Barclay seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

The Commission resumed its review of the Draft Charter from the last meeting beginning with Chapter 6.

Chapter 6 Referendum

Section 6.01: No change.

Section 6.02: No change.

Section 6.03: John Barclay suggested eliminating “dashes” in appendix references , i.e. “A-1.2” to read “A.2.2” and references should be to “A.2.1” etc.

Section 6.04: Carol Wiessner moved to change “initiative petition” to “referendum petition”. John Barclay seconded. Motion approved.

Chair Kate McGinn arrived at 7:30 p.m. and assumed chair at that time.

Section 6.05. No change.

Section 6.06. “administrator” misspelled in 2 places.

Section 6.07. Carol Wiessner moved to delete the two last sentences from Section 1, except for the line “In the latter case the council must submit the ordinance to an election by the voters” where it shall end in a period. Chair McGinn seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Section 2. Rock Gjermo moved to add the “and becomes the proposed ordinance” at the end of the second sentence to read: “The ordinance remains suspended pending an election regarding the referendum **and becomes the proposed ordinance.**” Jon Kingstad seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Section 6.08. Section 1.: no change.

Section 2. Carol Wiessner moved to change “initiated ordinance” to “proposed ordinance.” John Barclay seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

Section 3. Jon Kingstad moved to delete the second sentence reading “If two initiated ordinance are approved at one election and are inconsistent, the one approved by the higher percentage prevails on the inconsistency.”

Julianne Berg seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Section 6.09. Offenses; no change.

Section 6.10. Forms. Delete “dashes.”

Chapter 7.

Section 7.01. No change.

Section 7.02. Carol Wiessner suggested changing “or conviction of the officer of a felony” to “felony conviction of the officer” .

Section 7.03. Rock Gjerme moved to adopt 30% as the percentage of the number of persons voting for the office held by the officer in the last election. Kate McGinn seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Section 7.04. No change.

Section 7.05. Carol Wiessner pointed out that the word” must” is required between “administrator” and “evaluate” in the first line.

Kate McGinn moved to change sections 5.06, 6.06 and 7.05 to all require “15 days” for the city administrator to evaluate the petition. John Barclay seconded. Motion approved, Rock Gjerme voting nay.

Section 7.06. City Council Action on recall petition. No change.

Section 7.07. Election for recall. Subdivision 1. No change.

Subdivision 2. Jon Kingstad moved to add the following language to the second sentence of subdivision 2 to read: “If a majority of those people vote in favor of recalling the officer, then the recall of that officer shall be effective immediately after the vote has been certified **and the office shall be deemed vacant as provided in section 2.04 of this Charter.** “

Rock Gjerme seconded. Motion approved.

Section 7.08. Rock Gjermo moves to approve “6 months” as the time period for holding office before any recall petition may be filed against any officer.

Kate McGinn seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Section 7.09 it was suggested that the subsections be double spaced to make it easier to read.

Section 7.10. It was pointed out that the “dashes” needed to be removed.

New Business.

Kate McGinn suggested a time period for having the new drafts with all of the changes incorporated as being by end of August or August 24, 2009. The next meeting will be September 28.

Jon Kingstad moved to adjourn ay 8:45 p.m. Kenn Kopitzke seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Jon Erik Kingstad
Secretary