



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Charter Commission.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, 411 West First Street

This Meeting of the Duluth Charter Commission was held by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Members of the Charter Commission participated through video conference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Seim, Kimber, Matheson, Stauber, Mangan, Greene, Lytle, Anderson, Palmer, Vice President Ness - 11

Acceptance of Excused Absences: - Commissioner Johnson - 1

Absent: Commissioners Gardner, Yaeger - 2

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

[CH002](#)

Election of President and Vice President

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Ness as President.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Seim as Vice Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[CH014](#)

Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2020.

- Unanimously Approved

CORRESPONDENCE

[CH011](#)

CITY ATTORNEY SUBMITTING DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 100 OF THE DULUTH CITY CHARTER, 1912, AS AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS ON MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

- This Charter Commission Item was Received

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[CH013](#)

CHARTER COMMISSION STUDY GROUP UPDATE.

Commissioner Matheson indicated that a number of people have been contacted to participate but it was determined that the study group would wait to convene until a representative from the African Heritage Commission could be appointed.

NEW BUSINESS[CH012](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 100 OF THE DULUTH CITY CHARTER, 1912, AS AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS ON MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Attorney St. George indicated that this Ordinance would clarify that the City may initiate a petition for vacation. Commissioner Greene indicated a concern with how adjacent neighbors are notified of the petition. There was discussion regarding how property owners are notified. Attorney St. George indicated that additional information would be provided to the Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Britton and unanimously carried to table this item.

ADJOURNMENT

5:24 p.m.