

MEETING OF BROOKLYN CENTER CHARTER COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024
6:30 P.M.
BROOKLYN CENTER CITY HALL

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Adoption of Agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2024 Meeting.
5. Old Business.
 - a. Review of Charter Commission By-Laws, particularly limit on excused absences.
 - b. Report of Sub-Committee on By-Laws.
6. New Business.
 - a. Amendments to Chapter 2, Chapter 4 and Chapter 5
7. Adjournment.

Brooklyn Center Charter Commission

March 14th, 2024

Called to order by Chair Leino at 6:30pm.

Secretary Ellgren called the roll.

Present:

- Stanley Leino *Chair 2023*
- Donald Bumgarner
- Gail Ebert
- Kathryn Ellgren *Secretary 2023*
- Dan Jerzak
- Jeff Lewis
- Robert Marvin
- Laurie Moore
- Toby Phillips *Vice Chair 2023*
- Bud Sorenson
- Sheila Vang arrived at 6:32pm

Excused:

- Lee Bak
- Kris Lawrence-Anderson
- Steve Shold

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Marvin and seconded by Commissioner Sorenson was made and the motion passed.

Consideration of Minutes:

The January 11th, 2024 minutes were adopted with a motion by Commissioner Sorenson and a second by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Consideration of Proposed Charter Amendment to 2.02

“Any member of any boards and commissions must be a resident of Brooklyn Center.”

Chair Leino asked for discussion. Commissioner Moore asked if the word board covered task forces and committees as well. Secretary Ellgren stated that she believed that had been the intent but wasn't sure if clarification was needed. Commissioner Jerzak read out the specific statutes that covered the make-up of all such commissions, committees, and forces. He clarified that committees don't have to be residents but commissions do. He also stated that he believed that some of the members of the current implementation committee were non-residents. Commissioner Sorenson stated that he believed this commission would be talking about all such bodies and Chair Leino gave examples of how the

terminology could be used to catch all loopholes. He stated that if the goal was to make it tighter, it could read “Any member of any body appointed by the city council”. Commissioner Moore asked a question regarding this, and Commissioner Jerzak corrected the wording. He also stated his intention to abstain from the vote, and that this concern had been brought to him by city residents. Concern was raised about the number of votes already on the next ballot and whether this was a necessary amendment. Commissioner Ebert reminded the body that these groups could request advice from non-resident experts but having non-residents on the board took seats from residents who actually had “skin in the game”. Commissioner Sorenson did state his concern that some non-residents could be necessary to a group, but might need to be on a percentile basis and Chair Leino also reminded the body that non-residents could be non-voting members of the individual body.

Chair Leino clarified the possible wording “Any member of any body established by the City Council must be residents of Brooklyn Center. Non-resident members can only be members of the body as non-voting members.” Commissioner Jerzak again reminded the Charter Commission that every one of these groups is advisory only. Commissioner Marvin asked how would that affect the quorum and Commissioner Sorenson stated that the quorum would not be affected as it was determined only by voting members. Commissioner Lewis asked for clarification of what the advantage of having a non-resident member would be and Chair Leino spoke to how union reps, police chiefs etc. have been used in this capacity in the past. Commissioner Moore shared her concern that recent non-resident members had made it hard for the city council to accomplish their work and have created an uncomfortable working environment.

Chair Leino stated further possible language- “Any member of any body established by the City Council must be a resident of Brooklyn Center.” Commissioner Moore stated concerns that voters wouldn’t understand the language. Chair Leino again stated that the body would write a letter to clarify this information. Commissioner Marvin asked if body is the best word for this item. Secretary Ellgren pointed out that if a different word was used the issue would be back to having to list every possible variation of committee and Commissioner Sorenson reminded the body that the City Attorney would look over this language for legal and clarity reasons.

Commissioner Marvin made a motion to accept the proposed language and was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Commissioner Sorenson again stated his belief that having advisory members could be needful. Chair Leino stated that he didn’t feel this blocked that option and Commissioner Lewis agreed. Commissioner Ebert made a motion to close debate, seconded by Commissioner Marvin. Motion passed. Question was called. Motion passed 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstained. Motion failed due to lack of quorum.

Chair Leino clarified the next steps of this process and Commissioner Moore asked if the City Manager could possibly delay action on this item and was reminded that there is a standard timeframe where this has to be handled to not violate policy. Commissioner Sorenson asked who sets the agenda for City Council, and Commissioner Jerzak addressed those concerns. Commissioner Jerzak also clarified what the vote had been for the previous resolution. Chair Leino brought up that a resident asked why the Charter Commission meetings are not broadcast and asked if the body would authorize that. Commissioner Marvin stated his acquiescence and Commissioner Jerzak shared his experience with the City Council and parts of it not being broadcast. Chair Leino clarified that this would be viewable but not a streaming medium. Commissioner Sorenson asked why items couldn’t be added to City Council when brought forward and Commissioner Jerzak stated his understanding of why this was. Commissioner Moore stated her agreement with having these meetings broadcast. Vice Chair Phillips stated that he couldn’t find the Charter Commission’s meeting minutes on the website. Chair Leino indicated that he would be speaking with the City Clerk in regards to broadcasting Charter Commission meetings.

Adjournment

With a motion by Commissioner Phillips and a second by Commissioner Marvin, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

The next meeting is April 11th, 2024.

Charter Commission sub committee rules of procedure review May 10th 2024

The result of the meeting discussing the rules of procedure produced different ideas concerning attendance requirements and eligibility for appointments to various committees.

There was discussion of amending the amount allowable meetings missed, although no number was specifically mentioned, I opined that the current excused/non excused absences seemed to be excessive as normally the charter commission meets quarterly barring unforeseen necessities of additional meetings, and there are other means available if one cannot make the meeting in person.

Also mentioned was whether it was in the city's interest to limit all committee members to residents of the city. This was discussed at the previous charter commission meeting with no conclusion. I believe this is in our city's best interest, as it excludes outside influences.

Another idea briefly considered at the previous charter Commission meeting was the idea to lower the number of members needed to meet the requirements of the 2/3's majority. This was not discussed at the sub meeting on May 10th 2024, but has merit in my opinion.

There was also talk of leaving things the way they are. This option does not address the continuing issue of not having enough members to make any recommendations.

CHAPTER 2 FORM OF GOVERNMENT

SECTION 2.02 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. The Council shall itself be and perform the duties and exercise the powers of all local boards and commissions. The Council may, however, establish **by resolution**, boards or commissions to advise the Council with respect to any municipal function or activity, or to investigate any subject of interest to the city. **The Council shall determine by resolution, the size, terms of office, and vacancy procedures of each board and commission. Members of such boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Council and shall: 1) select their own officers, 2) establish their own procedural rules, 3) conduct as many meetings as necessary. No more than one of the appointees shall hold any other office or position in the city government. However, the City Manager may appoint a city officer or employee to a board or commission to serve as a non-voting staff consultant or advisor. In no case shall a city officer or employee be chair of a board or commission.**

CHAPTER 4 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 4.01. GENERAL ELECTION LAWS TO APPLY. Except as hereinafter provided, the general laws of the State of Minnesota pertaining to registration of voters and the conduct of primary, special and general elections shall apply for all municipal elections of such officers as are specified in this Charter. The Council shall through ordinances duly adopted in compliance with such state laws and this Charter, adopt suitable and necessary regulations for the conduct of such elections.

Section 4.012. THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION. A regular municipal general election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years at such place or places as the City Council may designate. The City Clerk shall give at least two (2) weeks ~~previous~~ notice of the time and place of holding such election and of the officers to be elected and such other matters to be voted upon by posting in at least one public place in each voting precinct and by publication at least once in the official newspaper, but failure to give such notice shall not invalidate such election. The city shall maintain a list of all current voting precincts on its website.

Section 4.023. PRIMARY ELECTIONS. Whenever there are more than two candidates fling for any city-wide office a primary election shall be held on a date not less than 25 days prior to the special election or general election. ~~On Tuesday, at least six (6) weeks in advance of the municipal general election, there shall be a primary election for the selection of two nominees for each elected office at the municipal general election unless no more than two nominees file for each elective office.~~ [City Clerk's Note: Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.065, Subd. 1 provides that a municipal primary for the purpose of nominating elective officers may be held in any city on the second Tuesday in August of any year in which a municipal general election is to be held for the purpose of electing officers.] When two vacancies exist on the Council and the number of candidates is more than four, the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for the offices named. The City Clerk shall give at least two (2) weeks previous notice of the time and place of holding such election and of the officers to be elected by posting in at least one (1) public place in each voting precinct and by publication at least once in the official newspaper, but failure to give such notice shall not invalidate such election.

Section 4.034. SPECIAL ELECTIONS. The Council may by resolution order a special election and provide all means for holding it: ~~such special election, provided that there be a published notice of said election on the city website and given three (3) consecutive weeks of weekly issues of the official newspaper of the city, prior to the day of said election.~~ The procedure at such election shall conform as nearly as possible to that prescribed for other municipal elections.

SECTION 4.05 JUDGES OF ELECTION. The Council shall at least twenty-five (25) days before each municipal election appoint qualified voters for each voting precinct to be judges of election therein as provided by state statute.

Section 4.046. FILE BY FEE OR BY PETITION. Upon receiving a completed Affidavit of Candidacy form and the payment of a filing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) by a potential candidate or filing by the petition of fifty (50) registered voters on behalf of the candidate, the Clerk shall certify the eligibility of the candidate and place the name of the candidate upon the election ballot without partisan designation.

Section 4.057. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE. Any person whose name has been ~~presented~~ nominated for election to office under this Charter may, not later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last

day for filing nomination petitions, ~~in the manner provided for in the foregoing section as a candidate may, no later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last day for filing,~~ cause such name to be withdrawn from nomination by filing with the City Clerk a request to do so in writing, and no name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot.

Section 4.068. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES. A candidate for city office who wants write-in votes for the candidate to be counted must file a written request with the filing officer for the office sought no later than the seventh (7th) day **by 5 p.m.** before the municipal general election or special election. ~~The filing officer~~ **City Clerk** shall provide copies of the form to make the request.

Section 4.079. CANVASS OF ELECTION. The Council shall meet and canvass the election returns between the third (3rd) and the tenth (10th) day after any general, primary or special election, and shall make full declaration of the results as soon as possible, and file a statement thereof with the City Clerk. This statement shall include: (a) the total number of good ballots cast; (b) the total number of spoiled or defective ballots; (c) the true vote for each candidate, with an indication of those who were elected or nominated; (d) a true copy of the ballots used; (e) the names of the judges and clerks of election; and (f) such other information as may seem pertinent. ~~The City Clerk shall forthwith notify all persons elected or nominated of their election or nomination.~~ **and shall take office at the time provided by Section 3.01 upon taking, subscribing and filing with the City Clerk the required oath of office and a "Statement of Economic Interest" form as prescribed in M.S. §211A and 211B.** In case of a tie vote, the Council shall determine the result by lot. The City Clerk shall be the final custodian of the ballots.

Section 4.0810. PROCEDURE AT ELECTIONS. The City Council may by ordinance adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable to regulate the conduct of elections subject to the provisions of this charter and the laws of the State of Minnesota when applicable.

CHAPTER 5 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 5.01. POWERS RESERVED BY THE PEOPLE. The people of Brooklyn Center reserve to themselves the power, in accordance with the provisions of this charter, to initiate and adopt any ordinance, except an ordinance appropriating money or authorizing the levy of taxes, and to require an ordinance when adopted by the Council to be referred to the registered voters for approval or disapproval. These powers shall be called the initiative and referendum.

Section 5.02. EXPENDITURES BY PETITIONERS. No member of any initiative or referendum committee, no circulator of a signature paper, and no signer of any such paper, or any other person, shall accept or offer any reward, ~~pecuniary~~ **money**, or otherwise, for service rendered in connection with ~~the~~ **this** circulation. ~~thereof, but this~~ This shall not prevent the committee from ~~incurring expenses~~ **paying** for legal advice, and incurring ~~stationery, copying, printing, advertising and notaries' fees~~ **nominal expenses as set forth by ordinance.** ~~The committee, at least five (5) days before the election, shall file with the City~~

~~Manager a financial statement verified by a member of the committee, which shall show in itemized detail, all receipts, with the source thereof, and all disbursements and all obligations to make disbursements. Any violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall constitute a misdemeanor.~~

Section 5.03. INITIATIVE. To initiate and adopt any ordinance, except an ordinance relating to the budget or capital programs, the appropriation of money, the levy of taxes, the issuance of bonds, the salaries of city officials or employees, or the zoning of land.

Section 5.034. INITIATION OF MEASURES. A minimum of ~~Any~~ five (5) registered voters may form themselves into a **sponsoring** committee for the initiation of any ordinances except an ordinance ~~appropriating money or authorizing the levy of taxes~~ **relating to the budget or capital programs, the appropriation of money, the levy of taxes, the issuance of bonds, the salaries of city officials or employees, or the zoning of land.** Before circulating any petition they ~~committee~~ shall file a ~~verified~~ certified copy of their proposed ordinance with the City Clerk, together with their names and addresses ~~as of each committee members of such committee.~~ **Within 10 working days the City Attorney shall ascertain whether the proposed ordinance properly constitutes an initiative. If the City Attorney finds the petition improper, he/she shall notify one or more of the sponsoring committee of that fact, certifying the reasons for his/her findings.** They shall also attach a verified copy of the proposed ordinance to each of the signature papers herein described, together with their names and addresses as sponsors thereof.

Section 5.045. FORM OF PETITION AND OF SIGNATURE PAPERS. The petition for the adoption of any ordinance shall consist of the ordinance, together with all the signature papers and affidavits ~~thereto~~ attached. Such petition shall not be complete unless signed by a number of registered voters in the **City of Brooklyn Center** equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total number of registered voters **in the City of Brooklyn Center** at the time of the last municipal general election. All the signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the circulator of every such paper shall make an affidavit that each signature appended to the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper shall be in substantially the following form:

INITIATIVE PETITION

Proposing an ordinance to _____ (stating the purpose of the ordinance) a **certified** copy of which ordinance is hereto attached. The following committee of registered voters sponsor this proposed ordinance:~~This ordinance is sponsored by the following committee of voters:~~

| Name | Address |
|----------|---------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |

The undersigned ~~qualified~~ registered voters, understanding the terms and nature of the ordinance attached, petition the Council for its adoption, or, in lieu thereof, for its submission to the vote of the voters for their approval ~~or disapproval~~:

| Name | Address |
|----------|---------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |

~~(At the end of the list of signatures shall be appended the~~ **The Affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be attached at the end of the list of signatures** ~~circulator mentioned above.)~~

Section 5.056. FILING OF PETITION AND ACTION TAKEN THEREON. All the signature papers shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk as one instrument. Within five (5) **working** days after the filing of the petition, the City Clerk shall ascertain by examination, the number of **the City's** registered voters whose signatures are ~~appended thereto~~ attached and whether this number is at least five per cent (5%) of the total number of registered voters **in the City of Brooklyn Center** at the time of the last municipal general election. If the Clerk finds the petition insufficient or irregular, the Clerk shall at once notify one or more of the **sponsoring** committee of sponsors of that fact, certifying the reasons for ~~such~~ their finding.

The committee shall then be given **up to** thirty (30) days in which to file additional signature papers and to correct the petition in all other particulars. **Upon receipt of the corrected petition, the City Clerk will then have up to ten (10) working days to ascertain its validity, and the petitioners can no longer correct errors.** If at the end of that period the petition is found to be still insufficient or irregular, the **City Clerk** shall so notify each **one or more** members of the committee of that fact. ~~and file the petition as an official City record.~~ The final finding of the insufficiency or irregularity of a petition shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose, nor shall it prevent the Council from referring the ordinance to the voters at the next general or special election.

Section 5.067. ACTION OF COUNCIL ON PETITION. When the petition is found to be sufficient, the City Clerk shall so certify to the Council at its next regular meeting, stating the number of petitioners and the percentage of the total number of **City of Brooklyn Center** registered voters at the last municipal general election. ~~which they constitute, and the~~ **The Council** shall at once read the ordinance. ~~and refer it to an appropriate committee, which may be a committee of the whole.~~ The ~~committee or~~ Council shall

~~thereupon~~ provide for public hearings ~~upon~~ **on** the ordinance, after the holding of which the ordinance shall be finally acted upon by the Council not later than sixty-five (65) days after the date upon which it was submitted to the Council by the City Clerk. If the Council fails to pass the proposed ordinance, ~~or passes it in a form different from that set forth in the petition and unsatisfactory to the petitioners,~~ the proposed ordinance shall be submitted by the Council to a vote at the next municipal general election, ~~but~~ **if** If the number of signers of the petition is equal to at least fifteen (15) percent of the total number of registered voters at the time of the last municipal general election, the Council shall call a special election upon the measure.

~~Such~~ **A** special election shall be held not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty-five (45) days from the date of final action on the ordinance by the Council, ~~or after the expiration of sixty five (65) days from the date of submission to the Council when there has been no final action;~~ but if a general election is to occur within three (3) months after the date upon which it was submitted to the Council by the City Clerk, the Council ~~may~~ **shall** submit the ordinance at that election. If the Council passes the proposed ordinance with amendments and at least four-fifths (4/5) of the committee of petitioners do not express their dissatisfaction with such amended form by a statement filed with the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the passage ~~thereof~~ by the Council, the ordinance need not be submitted to the voters.

Section 5.078. INITIATIVE BALLOTS. The ballots used when voting upon any such proposed ordinance shall state the substance of the ordinance and shall give the voters the opportunity to vote either "Yes" or "No" on the question of adoption. If a majority of the votes on any such ordinance are in favor of it, it shall thereupon become an ordinance of the City. Any number of proposed ordinances may be voted upon at the same election, but the voters shall be allowed to vote for or against each separately. **If the city attorney determines there is a conflict between two initiated ordinances approved at one election, the one approved by the higher percentage of voters voting on the question shall prevail.** ~~In case of inconsistency between two (2) initiated ordinances approved at one election, the one (1) approved by the higher percentage of voters voting on the question shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.~~

Section 5.089. AMENDMENT OR REPEAL. Any ordinance adopted by the vote of the people cannot be repealed or amended except by a vote of the people.

Section 5.0910. INITIATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS. Nothing in this charter shall be construed as in any way affecting the right of the registered voters, ~~under~~ **to proposed amendments to this Charter as provided in the constitution** ~~Constitution~~ and ~~statutes~~ Statutes of **the State of Minnesota,** ~~to propose amendments to this charter.~~

REFERENDUM. To require any ordinance when passed by the Council to be referred to the registered voters for approval or disapproval. Sections 5.11 through 5.15 govern the Referendum process.

Section 5.101. THE REFERENDUM. If prior to the date when an ordinance takes effect a petition signed by **ten (10) per cent of the total number of Brooklyn Center registered voters at the time of the last municipal general election** ~~qualified registered voters of the City equal in number to ten (10) per cent of the total number of registered voters at the time of the last municipal general election~~ is filed with the City Clerk requesting that any such ordinance be repealed or submitted to a vote of the registered voters, the ordinance shall thereby be prevented from going into operation. The Council shall ~~thereupon~~ reconsider the ordinance at its next regular meeting, and by a majority vote either repeal or affirm the ordinance as passed. If the ordinance is affirmed, the Council shall immediately order a special election to be held, ~~thereon,~~ or submit the ordinance at the next municipal general election, pending which the ordinance shall

remain suspended. If a majority of the voters ~~voting on the ordinance is opposed to the ordinance, it shall not become effective; but if a majority of the voters favor the ordinance, it shall go into effect immediately or on the date therein specified.~~

Section 5.142. REFERENDUM PETITION. ~~The requirements laid down in Section 5.03 and 5.04 above as to the formation of committees, the form of petitions and signature papers, for the initiation of ordinances shall apply to the referendum, but with such changes as may be necessary.~~ **A minimum of five (5) registered voters may form themselves into a sponsoring committee for the initiation of any ordinances except an ordinance relating to the budget or capital programs, the appropriation of money, the levy of taxes, the issuance of bonds, the salaries of city officials or employees, or the zoning of land. Before circulating any petition they committee shall file a certified copy of their proposed ordinance with the City Clerk, together with their names and addresses as of each committee members of such committee. Within 10 working days the City Attorney shall ascertain whether the proposed ordinance properly constitutes an initiative. If the City Attorney finds the petition improper, he/she shall notify one or more of the sponsoring committee of that fact, certifying the reasons for his/her findings.**

Section 5.13 FORM OF PETITION AND SIGNATURE PAPERS. **The petition for the adoption of any ordinance shall consist of the ordinance, together with all the signature papers and affidavits attached. Such petition shall not be complete unless signed by a number of registered voters in the City of Brooklyn Center equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total number of registered voters in the City of Brooklyn Center at the time of the last municipal general election. All the signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the circulator of every such paper shall make an affidavit that each signature appended to the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper shall be in substantially the following form:**

REFERENDUM PETITION

Proposing the repeal of an ordinance to _____
 (stating the purpose of the ordinance) a certified copy of which ordinance is ~~hereto~~ attached. **The following committee of registered voters sponsor this proposed repeal: proposed repeal is sponsored by the following committee of voters:**

| | Name (Legal Signature) | Name Printed | Address | Date |
|----|------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

The Undersigned qualified registered voters, understanding the nature of the ordinance hereto attached and believing it to be detrimental to the welfare of the City, petition the Council for its ~~repeal, or in lieu thereof, for its~~ submission to a vote of the voters for their approval or disapproval.

| | Name (Legal Signature) | Name Printed | Address | Date |
|----|------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be attached at the end of the list of signatures. ~~At the end of the list of signatures shall be appended the Affidavit of the circulator mentioned above.~~)

Section 5.14. FILING OF PETITION AND ACTION TAKEN. All the signature papers shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk as one instrument. Within five (5) working days after the filing of the petition, the City Clerk shall ascertain by examination, the number of the City's registered voters whose signatures are attached and whether this number is at least five percent (5%) of the total number of registered voters in the City of Brooklyn Center at the time of the last municipal general election. If the Clerk finds the petition insufficient or irregular, the Clerk shall at once notify one or more of the sponsoring committee of that fact, certifying the reasons for ~~such~~ their finding.

The committee shall then be given up to thirty (30) days in which to file additional signature papers and to correct the petition in all other particulars. Upon receipt of the corrected petition, the City Clerk will then have up to ten (10) working days to ascertain its validity, and the petitioners can no longer correct errors. If at the end of that period the petition is found to be still insufficient or irregular, the City Clerk shall so notify each one or more members of the committee of that fact. The final finding of the insufficiency or irregularity of a petition shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose, nor shall it prevent the Council from referring the ordinance to the voters at the next general or special election.

Section 5.1215. REFERENDUM BALLOTS. ~~The ballots used in any referendum election shall conform to the rules laid down in Section 5.07 of this charter for initiate ballots.~~ The ballots used when voting upon any such proposed ordinance shall state the substance of the ordinance and shall give the voters the opportunity to vote either "Yes" or "No" on the question of adoption. If a majority of the votes on any such ordinance are in favor of it, it shall thereupon become an ordinance of the City. Any number of proposed ordinances may be voted upon at the same election, but the voters shall be allowed to vote for or against each separately. If the city attorney determines there is a conflict between two initiated ordinances approved at one election, the one approved by the higher percentage of voters voting on the question shall prevail.



City of Brooklyn Center CHARTER COMMISSION

Court Appointed

The Charter Commission reviews the existing charter, considers proposed changes and makes recommendations to the City Council, and safeguards the concept of Home-Rule under the existing charter and Home Rule provisions in the state statutes. Commissioners serve a four-year term and may serve unlimited successive terms. Chairperson and fourteen members.

[Minn. Stat. 13.601, Subd. 3(b) states that once an individual is appointed to a public body the following data are public: (1) the residential address; (2) and either a telephone number or electronic mail address where the appointee can be reached, or both at the request of the appointee.]

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