

APPROVED
CITY OF LINO LAKES
CHARTER COMMISSION

DATE	October 12, 2017
TIME STARTED	6:34 p.m.
TIME ENDED	7:13 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Aldentaler, Bretoi, Dahl, Johnson, Juni, Lyden, Poehling, Stanek, and Vanderpoel (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
MEMBERS EXCUSED	Damiani, Devaney, and Turcotte
MEMBERS UNEXCUSED	Combs
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	Mr. Storberg and Brad Robinson

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Dahl reconvened the meeting of the Lino Lakes Charter Commission at 6:24 p.m. on October 12, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dahl lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Moment of Silence for Commissioner Rose Storberg

Chair Dahl provided a moment of silence for Commissioner Rose Storberg.

B. Certificate for Rose Storberg's Family

Chair Dahl recognized Commissioner Storberg for her contribution to the Commission over the years, noting that Commissioner Storberg was also a friend of hers. She presented the plaque and extended condolences to Commissioner Storberg's family. She asked and received confirmation that if the Commission needs information on the history of the Charter she could call Commissioner Storberg's husband.

Commissioner Vanderpoel arrived.

Chair Dahl stated that Councilmember Rafferty sent her an email sending his condolences as well.

SETTING THE AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented without additions

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Robinson introduced himself and noted that he is running for City Council this fall. He welcomed any questions and provided background information on himself as a resident of Lino Lakes and a member of the Centennial Lakes Fire Department. He noted that he began attending

45 meetings during the issues with the fire department which opened his eyes to the other issues
46 going on in the City and increased his desire to get involved.

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48 **OLD BUSINESS**

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50 **A. Attorney for Charter Commission**

51 Chair Dahl stated that two Commission members provided names of possible attorneys. She
52 stated that one attorney sent out a contract, but the amount stated \$5,000. She noted that she
53 attempted to receive a lower priced contract but did not receive a response. She noted that she
54 followed up with another attorney but again did not receive a response. She stated that currently
55 the Charter Commission has zero interest from attorneys and noted that she would be happy to
56 reach out to any possible attorneys that Commission members may be aware of. She stated that
57 she is very open to any ideas the Commission may have.

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59 Commissioner Poehling asked if there is a specific purpose for an attorney at this time.

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61 Chair Dahl explained that although the Commission would not need the attorney at every
62 meeting, it would be helpful to have an attorney to follow up with on certain aspects and to assist
63 with amendment language rather than attempting to find an attorney at the spur of the moment.
64 She stated that the challenge is that the Commission is only allotted \$1,500 per year for a budget,
65 although funds from the next year could be used as well.

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67 Commissioner Stanek noted that specifically the Commission was looking for an attorney to
68 review language for the possible ward amendment.

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70 **B. Exempt Areas from Charter (FYI)**

71 Chair Dahl stated that the exempt areas from the Charter has been brought up through the years.
72 She stated that this was provided for informational purposes for those members of the
73 Commission that may not be aware of the exempt areas. She explained that the Charter does not
74 apply to commercial and industrial properties.

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76 Commissioner Lyden stated that the City is working on the new draft of the Comprehensive Plan
77 and asked if there has been any discussion of expanding the exempt zones for commercial and
78 industrial activity.

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80 Chair Dahl stated that in the past the City wanted to abolish some of the exempt zones but the
81 Charter Commission did not agree.

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83 Commissioner Bretoi stated that he thought the discussion involved removing the exempt zones
84 through amendment.

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86 Chair Dahl agreed that was the discussion in the past.

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88 Commissioner Juni asked for additional information on the roads included on the exempt areas
89 on the maps.

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91 Commissioner Johnson asked if there are some single-family homes excluded from the Charter.

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93 Chair Dahl agreed that there are a few homes that are outside of the Charter area.

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95 Commissioner Bretoi asked the reason the Charter Commission decided to leave the properties in
96 the exempt zone. He believed that the Commission was willing to do an amendment but the City
97 was no longer interested because there were attempting to abolish the Charter. He estimated that
98 this was about five years ago.

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100 Commissioner Lyden agreed that was the consensus of the Commission and the City was going
101 to attempt to abolish the Charter during a past election.

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103 **C. Approval of March 30, 2017 Minutes**
104 MOTION by Commissioner Juni, seconded by Commissioner Vanderpoel, to approve the March
105 30, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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107 **NEW BUSINESS**

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109 Chair Dahl noted that the Commission is accepting applications for the vacant positions on the
110 Commission.

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112 Commissioner Johnson noted that he will not be reapplying when his term expires at the end of
113 the year. He stated that while he has enjoyed his time with the Commission, he has accepted
114 another volunteer position which is taking up much of his time.

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116 Chair Dahl noted that she would attempt to reach out to other charter cities in attempt to find
117 suggestions for legal counsel.

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119 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

120 Chair Dahl noted the next meeting date is Thursday, January 11, 2018.

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122 **ADJOURN**

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124 MOTION by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Vanderpoel, to adjourn the
125 meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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