

CHARTER COMMISSION RENT STABILIZATION WORK GROUP

April 27, 2021

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 4:30 pm on this date.

Members Present: Peter Ginder (Vice-Chair), Jan Sandberg (Vice-Chair), Barry Clegg, Matt Perry, and Andrea Rubenstein, Lyall Schwarzkopf (Quorum - 3)

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Committee Members and staff participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.

Sandberg moved to adopt. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Ginder, Sandberg, Clegg, Perry, Rubenstein, and Schwarzkopf (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

3. Acceptance of minutes

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Sandberg moved to accept. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Ginder, Sandberg, Clegg, Perry, Rubenstein, and Schwarzkopf (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

4. Chair's Report.

Co-Chair Ginder reported that the Work Group needs to finish their review of the two proposals prior to the July meeting of the Charter Commission, in order to provide an official recommendation before the 90 day review period expires without calling a special meeting. Co-Chair Ginder reached out to David Schultz from Hamline University for a potential report on the issue of initiative and referendum. Currently, Dr. Schultz has a class during the meeting time, but when the spring semester ends, he may offer a presentation to the work group.

5. Rent stabilization charter amendment ([CH2021-00014](#))

1. Considering proposals to amend the City Charter to:

1. Explicitly add the City's authority to exercise power to control rents on private residential property in the City, and
2. Add initiative and referendum for the sole purpose of exercising the City's authority to control rents on private residential property in the City.

No action taken.

2. Receiving an update from the City Attorney's Office.

Assistant City Attorney Caroline Bachun offered a verbal explanation of her legal opinion that she issued on the issue of initiative and referendum.

3. Considering setting a public hearing for the proposed charter amendments.

No action taken.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Reported by Maddy Norgard, Clerk