

# AGENDA

## CHARTER COMMISSION

City Council Chambers

October 9, 2024

5:00 p.m.

### I. ROLL CALL

Seim, Anderson, Ness, Gardner, Stolee, Yaegar, Stauber, Lyttle, Greene, LaFontaine

### II. ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Commissioner Stauber, January 10, 2024;
- Commissioner Ness, January 10, 2024;
- Commissioner Greene, April 10, 2024;
- Commissioner Stauber, April 10, 2024

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 11, 2023

\* Meetings were not held on January 10, April 10, or July 10, 2024, due to a lack of quorum

### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Technical changes:

- *Passed by the City Council on September 21, 2023;*
- *Changes effective after 90 days (December 20, 2023);*

#### B. Municipal elections (section 39 repeal):

- *Passed by the City Council on November 20, 2023;*
- *Changes effective after 90 days (February 20, 2024)*

#### C. Interim Mayor Appointments:

- *A media inquiry was received questioning whether Mayor Reinert's role with the U.S. Navy Reserves conflicts with Section 3 of the City Charter, and whether the appointment of Councilor Forsman has been carried out in compliance with the requirements of the City Charter.*

### V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Election of President
- B. Election of Vice President

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Taskforce-Recommended Revisions: The resolution creating the City of Duluth “Ordinance Modernization Taskforce” expired on December 31, 2023.

Accordingly, the taskforce has ceased to exist, but the question remains as to how (or if) the Charter Commission wishes to proceed with proposed changes.

Odd-Year Elections: The City of Duluth remains one of a handful of cities in the state that does not hold municipal elections alongside statewide elections every two years. The question has been posed whether the City should reconsider this system.

Charter Commission Membership: A perennial issue facing the City of Duluth is the challenge of recruiting members for City boards and commissions. The Charter Commission has been no exception and the question has been posed whether the size of the Commission should be reconsidered.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

REMINDER: Pursuant to the Charter Commission Rules of Procedure: “[o]nly absences due to personal emergency or illness, or absence from the city will be excused and only if prior notice is given to the president or secretary of the commission.”

Please notify the City Clerk’s Office on or before 10:00 a.m. on October 9, 2024, if necessary to request an excused absence, by e-mail to [ibjohnson@duluthmn.gov](mailto:ibjohnson@duluthmn.gov) or by phone to (218) 730-5251.