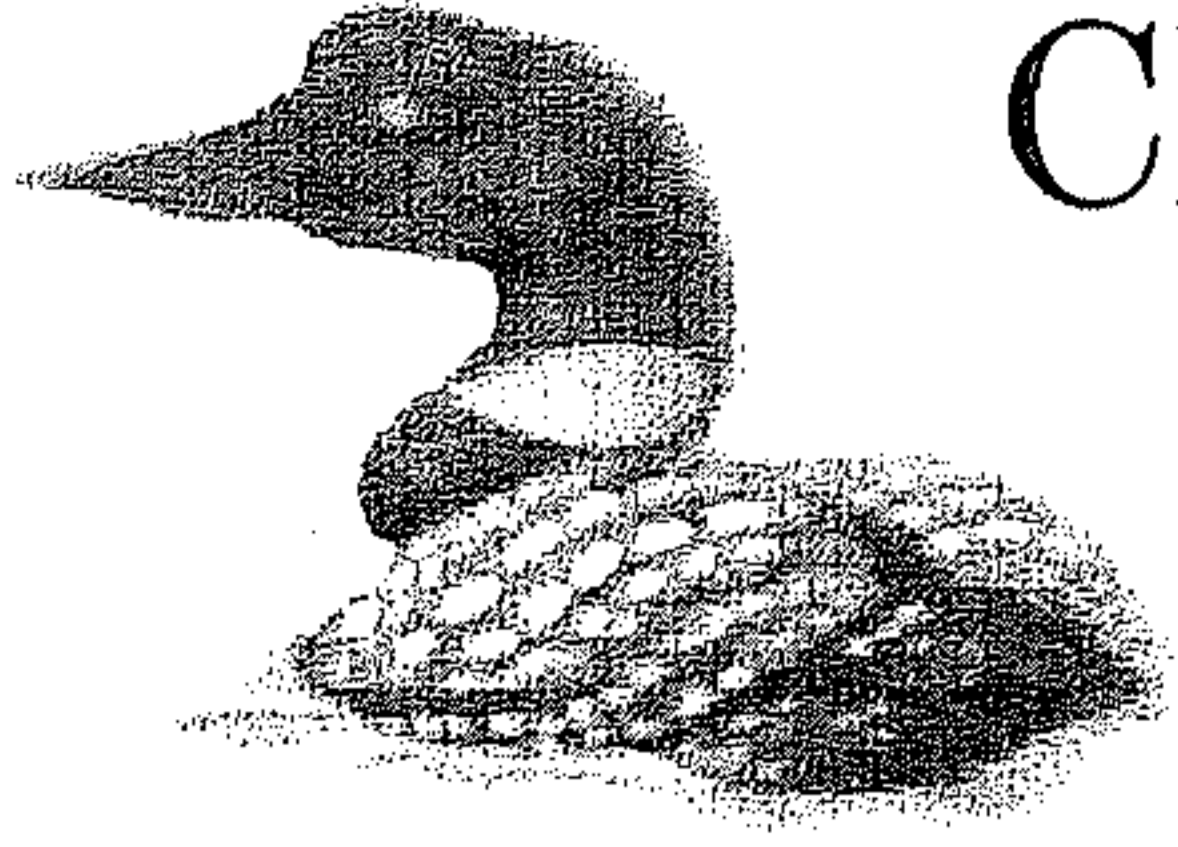


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CITY OF HAM LAKE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m. – Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.0 OATH OF OFFICE– None
- 3.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – March 26, 2025
- 5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 27, 2024
- 6.0 APPEARANCES – None
- 7.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS
- 8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 9.0 ADJOURN



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The Ham Lake Charter Commission met on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dwight McCullough; Vice Chair Brenda Reiner; Commissioners Gary Kirkeide, Al Stauffacher, Bill Vokovan, and David Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Tara Lanigan

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m. – Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair McCullough called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.0 OATH OF OFFICE

Deputy City Clerk Shimek administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners David Ross, Brenda Reiner and Al Stauffacher for terms expiring on February 4, 2028. Deputy City Clerk Shimek administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Tara Lanigan during business hours at City Hall.

3.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion by Vokovan, seconded by Kirkeide, to nominate and elect Dwight McCullough as Chair of the Charter Commission. All present in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McCullough, seconded by Stauffacher, to nominate and elect Brenda Reiner as Vice-Chair of the Charter Commission. All present in favor, motion carried.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Stauffacher, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the March 27, 2024 agenda as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2023

Motion by Stauffacher, seconded by Reiner, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 Charter Commission meeting as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

6.0 APPEARANCES – None

7.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1 Commissioner Vokovan inquired if there is language that can be incorporated into City's Charter to make it difficult for future Councils to raise taxes on utility fees, sales tax and excise tax

Deputy City Clerk Shimek stated that per the League of Minnesota Cities and Minnesota State Statute, that there are steps to follow in the process to raise sales tax and one includes holding a referendum. Commissioner Ross stated that currently the state has imposed a moratorium on new local option sales taxes and at this point, they will not consider requests during the 2024 or 2025 legislative sessions.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner McCullough asked the status of the City's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. Commissioner Kirkeide stated that the City Council made the decision to not implement the CERT program. Commissioner Kirkeide stated neighbors accomplished the clean up after the 1983 tornado and that is what Ham Lake residents do.

9.0 ADJOURN

Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by McCullaugh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.

Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk

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