

December 4, 2018

The Honorable Douglas B. Meslow  
Chief Judge Tenth Judicial District  
Anoka County Court House  
3325 E. Main Street  
Anoka, MN 55303-2489

**Re: City of Ramsey, Anoka County, Minnesota, Charter Commission Annual Report**

Dear Judge Meslow:

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 410.05, the following is an annual report reflecting the activities of the City of Ramsey Charter Commission during the year 2017.

Members of the Charter Commission for year 2017 were as follows: Susan E. Anderson, Mark Barrows, Jim Bendtsen, Benjamin Deemer (Vice-Chair), Joseph Field (Chair), Joshua Fuhreck, Jennifer Leistico, John Niederhaus, and Chad Sivertson.

The Charter Commission had no issues or concerns that would constitute meeting; therefore, the Commission fulfilled their requirement of meeting at least once during each calendar year by calling a meeting to order on Tuesday evening, November 21, 2017. The Commission elected a Chair and Vice Chair for years 2018 and 2019, received an update from the City's Mayor and Administrator on the Strategic Action Plan, reviewed the year-end activity letter/annual report for activities 2016 and reviewed Commission terms. Due to a vacancy on the City's Council, there was a brief discussion related to the special election process as outlined in the City's Charter and the length of time it takes and the cost of a special election to get someone seated when a vacancy occurs when there is more than 365 days left in a term. Also discussed was the uniform election dates for special elections set by the State, which the Charter cannot deviate from. Therefore, the portion of Chapter 4 of the City's Charter that calls out the number of days that an election has to be held following a resignation has become obsolete. The Charter Commission will be reviewing Chapter 4 in its entirety.

Very truly yours,

On behalf of the Ramsey City Charter Commission

Jo Ann M. Thieling, CMC  
City Clerk