

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
HOME RULE CHARTER STUDY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: May 26, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Caucus Room – Municipal Building

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson McLean at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Brandon Colella, Michael Dobos, James Hannan, Tom Klevan, Christine McIntosh, Jim McLean, Connie Serdy

Absent: Joe Consolmagno, Paul Dixon, Lorrie Gibbons, Carol Stewart

Also Present: Robert L. McTiernan, Solicitor; Bill Spagnol, Municipal Manager

2. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2015 Meeting

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing

See attached transcript.

4. Reports from Commission Members of Home Rule Charters of Other Communities

- a. Brandon Colella – Municipality of Monroeville
Seven member Council; Deputy Mayor is a member of Council and is the President of Council; budget due 45 days prior to start of fiscal year; elected Treasurer.

5. Review of Chart of Comparison of Provisions of Home Rule Charters

J. McLean will update the chart and email to Commission members before the August 18th meeting.

6. Discussion of possible Home Rule Charter Change Suggested by Councilman Harrison

There was discussion of the pros and cons of whether to change the language of Article 14; Section 1403 – Vacancies, Forfeiture of Office and Filling of Vacancies - to provide for a ballot vote at the earliest election rather than the next General Election. Members also discussed the procedures in various charters for initiative and referendum. No consensus was reached and the items will continue to be discussed in upcoming meetings.

7. Public Comment

Pauletta Beeler asked for job titles clarification and consistency; clarification of “next voting opportunity” and made a point that consistency in language used in the Home Rule Charter is important.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.