

**MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Home Rule Study Commission**

Date of Hearing: May 26, 2015

Time of Hearing: 7:00 P.M.

Place of Hearing: Municipal Building

Mr. McLean said:

“Good evening. I would like call to order the Public Hearing for the Bethel Park Home Rule Study Commission scheduled for today, Tuesday, May 26, 2015. Mr. Spagnol, if you can take a roll call of the members.”

1. Roll Call:

Present: Home Rule Study Commission Members Brandon Colella, Michael Dobos, James Hannan, Tom Klevan, Christine McIntosh, James McLean and Connie Serdi

Absent: Mr. Consolmagno, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Gibbons and Ms. Stewart

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

2. Mr. McLean said:

“This was the date that was advertised for us to hold the Public Hearing to consider any input from members of the public with respect to any possible changes to the Home Rule Charter that we’ve been studying. I just wanted to note that we previously held a Public Hearing in February. The purpose of that hearing was specifically to consider hearing public input with respect to a proposed change for the Police Chief reporting and changing that from the Police Chief reporting to Council as the Charter now reads, to reporting to the Manager and just to update formally at this Public Hearing, since our Public Hearing in February, this commission by consensus, favorably recommended that change to Council. Council considered it. Council then adopted an ordinance to put the proposal for the change to the Charter before the public and the electorate and that will be placed on the ballot in November. It has been referred to the County Election Department for them to approve the ballot question, but it will be on the ballot in November. Since then, we the members of the Commission, have continued to review our own charter, but have also been looking at the charters of other communities. Just to get an idea of what other communities do with respect to

some of the same items that are covered by our charter, get better ideas and see if there's anything in there that we want to further consider. We'll more or less finish that analysis later this evening when we consider one more charter and then just to let folks know where we go from here. We're actually going to take June and July off because it is the summer months and it's harder to get people scheduled for the meetings, but we will then meet again in August and in October and thereafter, if necessary. But at that point we will start to seriously look at any potential changes that we want to propose again taking the format of proposing to Council. Council has to consider them and then favorably act and Council only then would it become something that appears on the ballot for a vote and a change. The public is, in fact, welcome at all of our meetings, not just the specially scheduled public hearings so they could continue to come to the meetings. Some members of the public have been coming to our other meetings and we encourage that. We encourage the public to continue to come to our meetings so that we can have the benefit of their input. At this point I will ask if there is anyone present in the audience at this evening's meeting that would like to address us with any specific topic?"

3. Public Comments

None

Mr. McLean said:

"Hearing none, I will note for the record that there wasn't anyone that wanted to specifically address anything. Are there any comments or questions from any members of the commission?"

Mr. McLean said:

"Hearing none."

4. Motion by Mr. Hannan and seconded by Mr. Colella to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

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