



**Crystal Charter Commission
Meeting Agenda and Notice**

**Thursday, September 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

**Crystal City Hall
4141 Douglas Drive North
Conference Room A**

- I. Introductions and welcome newest commission member, Nancy LaRoche*
- II. Call to order and roll call*
- III. Consideration of the meeting minutes from January 22, 2015
- IV. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)* 5 minutes
- V. Review of Election Statistics 15 minutes
- VI. Information regarding ranked-choice voting* 5 minutes
(Chair will provide handouts at meeting)
- VII. Other Business* 5 minutes
- VIII. Adjournment

**Denotes no supporting information included in the packet.*

Posted: September 11, 2015

**Minutes of the Meeting for the
Home Rule Charter Commission
of the City of Crystal
Thursday, January 22, 2015**

I. Call to order and roll call

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting of the Crystal Charter Commission was held commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North, in the City of Crystal. The meeting was called to order by Chair Harley Heigel.

Attendance

The assessing specialist recorded the attendance with the following members present: Joe Selton, Samantha Erickson, Naomi Davidson, Harley Heigel, Joel Franz, Jim Oathout, and Jeffrey Munson. Also present: Commission Attorneys Michael Norton and Troy Gilchrist, City Manager Anne Norris, City Clerk Chrissy Serres, and Assessing Specialist Gail Van Krevelen. Absent: Jennifer Sodd & Doug Brown.

II. Consideration of the meeting minutes from June 10, 2014.

Moved by Commissioner Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Selton to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion carried without dissent.

III. Election of Officers

Moved by Commissioner Selton and seconded by Commissioner Davidson to postpone the election of officers until the annual meeting in September to allow for the May appointment of commissioners.

Motion carried without dissent.

IV. Review Annual Report of Chair

Moved by Commissioner Munson and seconded by Commissioner Franz to accept the 2014 Annual Report of Commission Chair.

Motion carried without dissent.

V. Methods of Amending the Charter

City Attorney Mike Norton explained to the commissioners the various methods available to amend the charter and answered questions.

VI. Discussion Articles

Commission members and staff discussed the various articles provided. Jeanne Massey from FairVote Minnesota presented additional information on ranked-choice voting.

Moved by Commissioner Selton and seconded by Commissioner Davidson to table any decision on ranked-choice voting until after the 2016 election.

Motion carried without dissent.

After further discussion, commissioners asked city staff to compile local election statistics from the past ten years for review and discussion at its September meeting.

VII. Other Business

The commissioners thanked Attorney Mike Norton for his service to the commission.

VIII. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Munson and seconded by Commissioner Franz to adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Recording Secretary Gail Van Krevelen

Unapproved



Memorandum

DATE: September 9, 2015

TO: Crystal Charter Commission

FROM: Chrissy Serres, City Clerk
Anne Norris, City Manager

SUBJECT: Election Statistics

At its January 22 meeting, the Charter Commission asked staff to provide election statistics for further discussion. Attached please find election statistics for primary and general elections from the past ten years.

**City of Crystal
Election Statistics
2004-Current**

Election	# of precincts	# of registered voters before 7 am	# of new ED registrations	Total # of registered voters	# of persons voting	% voter turnout (using total # registered voter counts)	# of accepted AB ballots (using 7am counts)	Notes
2004 P	9	12,827	34	12,861	714	5.6	104 (.8%)	
2004 G		13,126	2,721	15,847	13,065	82	1,124 (8.6%)	
2006 P	9	13,751	123	13,874	2,205	16.3	157 (1.1%)	
2006 G		13,394	920	14,314	9,461	66	723 (5.4%)	
2008 P	9	13,489	58	13,547	1,656	12	139 (1%)	
2008 G		13,668	2,274	15,942	12,855	81	1,496 (10.9%)	
2010 P	8	13,436	133	13,569	447	3	172 (1.3%)	
2010 G		13,463	851	14,314	8,615	60	541 (4%)	
2012 P	11	12,806	78	12,884	1,812	14	103 (.8%)	
2012 G		12,855	2,380	15,235	12,871	84	1,109 (8.6%)	
2014 P	11	12,923	86	13,009	1,685	13	156 (1.2%)	1 st year of no-excuse absentee voting
2014 G		13,385	597	13,982	8,178	58	897 (6.7%)	

Election	Offices on Ballot	Candidates	Total Votes	Write-In Votes	Spoiled Ballots	Undervotes	Notes
2004 G (Nov 2)	Mayor	Candidate 1	5,377	54	153	2,121	No municipal primary election (primary was held on Sept 14) Special election for issuance of bonds for swimming pool renovation: Yes = 7,500; No = 4,714 Undervotes = 840; Overvotes = 11
		Candidate 2	5,728				
	Sec I CM	Candidate 1	3,152	32	72	2,066	
		Candidate 2	1,383				
	W3 CM	Candidate 1	1,265	12	42	660	
		Candidate 2	1,365				
W4 CM	Candidate 1	2,101	35	39	992		
2006 P (Sep 12)	W2 CM	Candidate 1	226	NA	21	88	1 st year with AutoMARKs
		Candidate 2	144				
		Candidate 3	137				
2006 G (Nov 7)	Sec II CM	Candidate 1	1,593	24	32	881	
		Candidate 2	2,063				
	W1 CM	Candidate 1	1,690	35	19	682	
	W2 CM	Candidate 1	975	16	20	466	
		Candidate 2	1,035				
2008 P (Sep 9)	Mayor	Candidate 1	264	NA	131	171	
		Candidate 2	44				
		Candidate 3	214				
		Candidate 4	963				
	W3 CM	Candidate 1	115	NA	33	66	
		Candidate 2	32				
		Candidate 3	93				
		Candidate 4	147				
2008 G (Nov 4)	Mayor	Candidate 1	6,724	77	183	2,481	
		Candidate 2	3,568				
	Sec I CM	Candidate 1	2,756	42	84	2,298	
		Candidate 2	1,536				
	W3 CM	Candidate 1	1,331	17	27	722	
		Candidate 2	1,119				

	W4 CM	Candidate 1	1,433	19	72	691	Special Election for Ward 4 Council Member to fill a vacancy for a term expiring 1/7/2013
		Candidate 2	886				
2010 P (Aug 10)	W4 CM	Candidate 1	137	NA	50	81	
		Candidate 2	124				
		Candidate 3	116				
		Candidate 4	47				
		Candidate 5	23				
2010 G (Nov 2)	Sec II CM	Candidate 1	1,688	37	47	1,160	
		Candidate 2	1,146				
	W1 CM	Candidate 1	1,358	17	24	757	
	W2 CM	Candidate 1	879	97	19	674	
		Candidate 2	618				
	W4 CM	Candidate 1	870	11	26	335	
		Candidate 2	737				
	2012 P (Aug 14)	Mayor	Candidate 1	669	NA	159	72
Candidate 2			605				
Candidate 3			466				
Sec I CM		Candidate 1	373	NA	106	102	
		Candidate 2	272				
		Candidate 3	220				
		Candidate 4	60				
2012 G (Nov 6)	Mayor	Candidate 1	5,571	50	161	2,044	
		Candidate 2	5,203				
	Sec I CM	Candidate 1	2,666	22	71	1,414	
		Candidate 2	2,585				
	W3 CM	Candidate 1	1,715	153	35	1,293	
	W4 CM	Candidate 1	1,942	34	55	1,044	
2014 P (Aug 12)	Sec II CM	Candidate 1	178	NA	89	53	
		Candidate 2	330				
		Candidate 3	170				

	W1 CM	Candidate 1	246	NA	23	45
		Candidate 2	29			
		Candidate 3	152			
	W2 CM	Candidate 1	126	NA	41	34
		Candidate 2	258			
		Candidate 3	64			
2014 G (Nov 4)	Sec II CM	Candidate 1	1,169	17	65	498
		Candidate 2	2,133			
	W1 CM	Candidate 1	1,074	7	35	327
		Candidate 2	677			
	W2 CM	Candidate 1	615	9	53	391
		Candidate 2	1,258			
2016 P (Aug 9)				NA		
2016 G (Nov 8)	Mayor					
	Sec I CM					
	W3 CM					
	W4 CM					