

**Ramsey County Charter Commission  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011**

The Ramsey County Charter Commission held a public hearing to obtain testimony from the public regarding the following issue: *Shall Ramsey County be prohibited from using any revenues, including those raised by taxes or bonding, to fund or assist in funding a Major League Baseball or National Football League sports team or stadium?*

This hearing was held at the New Brighton Community Center, Community Rooms A and B, 400 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, and was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chair Rich Sonterre, with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

District 1: Richard Sonterre  
Bob Weisenburger  
District 2: Richard Moses  
Bob Benke  
District 3: Bryan Olson  
Randy Gustafson  
District 4: Peter Hendricks  
Chris Leifeld  
District 5: Rod Halvorson  
District 6:  
Russ Miller  
District 7:  
At-Large: Beverly Aplikowski  
A.L. Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Spaulding (excused)  
Mike Fratto (excused)  
Marv Koppen(excused)  
Bud Berry (excused)  
Fred Perez (excused)

Also present: Phil Carruthers, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office; Jeff Stephenson, Assistant County Attorney; and Bonnie Jackelen, County Manager's Office.

The following individuals provided testimony:

- Marc Asch, 34 North Oaks Road, North Oaks
- Will Shapira, 2545 Hamline Avenue, Roseville
- Randy Porter, 5 Blue Goose Road, North Oaks
- Curt Lyons, 2649 Ridge Lane, Mounds View
- Bob Murray, 1433 W. Roselawn Ave., Roseville
- Dick Houck, 1131 Roselawn, Roseville
- Dave Brudevold, 2208 Sargent Ave., St. Paul
- Tamara Winden, 1292 Nursery Hill Lane, Arden Hills
- Tom Pepin, 1845 Skillman Ave. W., Roseville
- Steven Donatelle, 2692 East Co. Rd E, White Bear Lake

- Jim Hanson, 3234 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW, New Brighton
- Diggz Garza, 1398 Woodbridge St., St. Paul
- Dave Schelling, 1955 Greenbrier, Maplewood
- Steve Olson, 3680 Milton St. No., Shoreview
- Paul Houck, 1133 Roselawn Ave., Roseville
- Bill Spear, 2808 Linden Dr, New Brighton
- Linda Swanson, 1124 Ingerson Road, Arden Hills
- Peter Hansen Roh, Box 17204, St. Paul
- Ady Wickstrom, 1252 Silverthorn Dr., Shoreview
- Jon Abeler, 2339 Roselawn, Roseville
- Rodney Ouellette, 325 Mehigan, New Brighton
- Lyle Salmela, 1480 Arden Vista Ct., Arden Hills
- Vivek Iyer, 1620 Hwy 36 W, Roseville
- Brian Nystrom, 1900 Silver Lake Rd., New Brighton
- Allison Seaborn, 144 Canabury Court, Little Canada
- Lois Kromrey, 2363 Cty Rd I, Mounds View
- Mike Read, 2208 Lois Dr, Mounds View
- Nancy Meade-Thayer, 2255 Gordon Ave., St. Paul
- Bob Thayer, 2255 Gordon Ave., St. Paul
- Dann Dobson, 801 Goodrich, St. Paul
- Rob Dumas, 2649 Randy Ave., White Bear Lake
- Stan Smith, 518 Inca Lane, New Brighton
- Paul Jacobsen, 733 Oakwood Dr, New Brighton
- Merlyn Sanford, 2142 Rice Creek Road, Roseville
- Dave Nelson, 5566 Alameda, Shoreview
- John Kopas, 2459 Agnus St., Roseville
- Beverly Proud, 4716 Laura Lane, Shoreview
- Cynthia Nickel, 4236 Victoria St No., Shoreview

A break was taken at this point in the hearing.

Testimony continued with the following individuals:

- Mark Pitman, 1011 Carmel Ct., Shoreview
- Carol Linders, 1945 Glen Paul Ave., Arden Hills
- Vincent Linders, 1945 Glen Paul Ave., Arden Hills
- Robert Comer, 2910 Valley View Lane, New Brighton
- Scott Hubbard, 430 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, New Brighton
- Jim Anderson, 5743 Donegal, Shoreview
- Steve Freimuth, 1200 Ingerson Rd, Arden Hills
- Mary Kay Walsh Kagmark, 8345 Pleasant View Dr., Mounds View
- Steve Parker, 2244 Kingsway, Mounds View
- Colin Wilkinson, 1019 Fremont Ave., St. Paul
- Charles Sheridan, 1769 Terrace Dr, Shoreview
- Rob Marty, 7627 Spring Lake Rd., Mounds View

- Louis Asher, 4525 Birch Ridge Rd., Vadnais Heights
- Greg Copeland, 612 Cook Ave., St. Paul
- Dick Dion, 1474 Alameda, St. Paul
- Uldis Erdmanis, 3485 Soo St., Shoreview
- Cameron Obert, 8315 Greenwood Dr., Mounds View
- Leonard Sandell, 7735 Silver Lake Road
- Tom Lemke, 5577 Schutta Road, St Paul

The hearing continued with testimony from the following individuals who reside outside of Ramsey County:

- Cory Merrifield, Shakopee
- Scott Asplund, Maple Grove
- Jimmy Kielpinski, Oakdale
- Greg Hanson, Watkins
- Pam Wostrel, Sauk Rapids
- Cindy Pugh, Chanhassen
- John Schreiner, Minneapolis
- Joe Leon, Blaine
- John Humenansky, Lino Lakes
- Tom Nickerson, Columbia Heights
- Dennis Cummings, Eagan

There being no further requests from the public to address the Charter Commission members, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board