

**Ramsey County Charter Commission
Public Hearing
Tuesday, October 11, 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 in the Council Chambers of the Ramsey County Court House, 15 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102, and was called to order at 6:30 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
Robert Spaulding
District 6: Mike Fratto
District 7: Marv Koppen
Bud Berry
At-Large: Beverly Aplikowski
A.L. Brown
Fred Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Russ Miller (excused)

Also present: Jeff Stephenson, Acting Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office and Bonnie Jackelen, County Manager's Office.

The following individuals provided testimony:

- Amber Garlan, 9 West 7th Place, St. Paul
- Allen Ostertag, 703 Nebraska Ave E, St. Paul
- Krysia Weidell, 2093 Lacrosse Ave, St. Paul
- Ben Zimmerman, 2225 Folwell Ave., Falcon Heights
- Jonelle Ringnalda, 761 Hague Ave, St. Paul
- Steve Odmark, 5314 Anderlie Lane, White Bear Lake
- Rick Dushaw, 1080 Wilson Avenue, St. Paul
- Stan Theis, 1245 Burke, Roseville
- Jim Tri, 2443 Mounds Ave, New Brighton
- Patty Guerrero, 393 Fulton, St. Paul
- John Waldorf, 2268 E. Charles St., North St Paul

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- Jane McEvoy, 879 N Pascal St., St. Paul
- Ananph Shandar, 2460 E King Ave., Maplewood
- Lyle Nelson, 334 Cherokee Ave., West St. Paul
- Solveig Quass, 5932 Scenic Place, Shoreview
- Maggie Reid, 5421 W Bald Eagle Blvd, White Bear Township
- Tom Reid, 5421 W Bald Eagle Blvd, White Bear Township
- George Anderson, 1283 Halper Way, St. Paul
- Chris Maloney, 1889 Clarence, Maplewood
- Curt Proud, 4716 Laura Lane, Shoreview
- TA Gyorgak, 2096 Berkeley, St. Paul
- Robert Rouda, 946 Lydia, Roseville
- Kathleen Stack, 740 Mississippi River Drive, St. Paul
- Ben Benson, 4248 Westview Dr, Shoreview
- Jim Pratt, 414 Superior St., St. Paul
- Frank Loeffler, 3244 Highway 61, Vadnais Heights
- Dan McGowan, 851 Dayton, St. Paul
- Waldo Glohon, 1748 Linden, White Bear Lake
- Anne White, 1731 Portland Ave., St. Paul
- Jenny Garza, 1398 Woodbridge, St. Paul
- Jean Chastain, 3430 Chatsworth, Shoreview
- Stuart Chastain, 3430 Chatsworth, Shoreview
- Kevin Huepenbecker, 1460 Hamline, St. Paul
- Eugenie deRosier, 1181 Edgumbe, St. Paul
- Tim Kinley, 2367 Larpenteur, Maplewood
- Hugh Sontag, 2501 Skyblue Court, White Bear Lake
- Jim Bowyer, 4025 Evergreen Place, Shoreview
- Gary Mortland, 1862 Montreal, St. Paul
- Angela Stehr, 1656 Burns Ave, St. Paul
- Brian Gullickson, 3120 Arthur St., St. Paul
- Justen Busch, 308 Prince St., St. Paul
- Pat Johnson, 3032 Labore Road, Little Canada
- Amanda Mattson, 1608 Bohland St., St. Paul
- Richard Pruden, 1726 Laurie, Maplewood
- Tom Goldstein, 1399 Sherburne, St. Paul
- Leo Borer, 2135 Iglehart, St. Paul
- James Holmes, 9 Warren St., St. Paul
- Jeanne Holmes, 9 Warren St., St. Paul
- Deb Alpin, 1835 Fairmount, St. Paul
- John McCarthwaide, 1412 Idaho Ave W, Falcon Heights
- Steven Pepin, 1599 Chatham, Arden Hills
- Greg Lauer, 1526 Arona, St. Paul
- Gregg Larson, 3377 N. Snelling, Arden Hills
- Carol Kist, 1959 Palace Ave., St. Paul

The hearing was recessed and a 10-minute break was taken.

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The hearing resumed at 8:36 p.m. with the following speakers:

- Owen Mische, 2065 Jefferson Ave., St. Paul
- Shirley Bowden, 1065 Sprucewood, St. Paul
- Ruel Russell, 692 Juno Ave., St. Paul
- Tom Polachek, 1221 Arundel St., St. Paul
- Jeremy Wigand, 231 Dale St., St Paul
- Troy Kunze, 500 Bear Ave, Vadnais Heights
- Karen Underwood, 1159 Edgerton, St. Paul
- David Johnson, 1150 Pleasant Circle, Arden Hills
- Ela Piskarski, 7878 Woodlawn, Mounds View
- Don Dickerson, 2121 Cohansey, Roseville
- Andrew Livingston, 1659 Chambers St., St. Paul
- Matthew Kaeder, 18178 Clear Ave., St. Paul

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further requests from Ramsey County residents to address the Charter Commission members, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:04 p.m.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board