



**CITY COUNCIL
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**WILDWOOD CITY HALL
16860 Main Street
City of Wildwood, Missouri 63040**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

Present	Absent
Commissioner Feuerstein	Commissioner Plohr
Commissioner Marshall	
Commissioner Clark	
Commissioner Pierson	
Commissioner Sewell	
Commissioner Morris	
Commissioner Meinert	

Also present:

Mayor Jim Bowlin
Mr. Ryan Thomas, City Administrator
Mr. John Young, City Attorney
Council Member Jim Baugus
Ms. Laura Rehtin, Deputy City Clerk

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Mayor Bowlin thanked the Commissioners for volunteering to serve the city in this capacity. Mayor Bowlin gave a brief review of the Charter Review process. Mayor Bowlin stated he was available if the Commission needed anything from him.

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

A motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to nominate Commissioner Marshall to serve as the Chairperson of the Commission. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

ETHICS PRESENTATION/ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

City Attorney Young gave a brief presentation regarding conflicts of interest and ethics. All Commission Members signed an Acknowledgment form regarding the City's Code of Ethics.

CHARTER OVERVIEW AND REVIEW

Discussion was held regarding the following: there were three changes made to the Charter in 2008 and one change made in 2009; once we start the process, this Commission needs to act within six months; once our recommendations are forwarded to the Council, they will decide if they want to place any requests for changes on the November 2017 or April 2018 ballot; is there a log of questions or issues that have been brought forward from citizens since the last Charter review; there should be a cross reference table of any Ordinance numbers; the Charter should tell the complete story of the city; we need to look through the Charter and identify those items that are not current and reference the appropriate Ordinance number that changed it; an example of this is the change to the city's fiscal year; we can talk to General Code about getting a cross reference table online as well; to what extent does the city's Plan of Intent affect what we are doing here; we could look through the contents of the Plan of Intent and make sure we are covering the fundamentals; is the statement 'Wards will remain as currently bounded and numbered' accurate; it would be helpful if we could get the before and after numbers of the last redistricting; once we hit a population of 40,000, we will have to add a ninth Ward; staff is a good reference for any issues or questions about the Charter that have come up; can we get the minutes from the last Charter Review Commission; perhaps we can give a Charter Review Update at the next Council meeting and ask for the Council's input as well; will we be going through the Charter section by section; we need to get the word out to the public; we can use the newsletter and social media; some of the issues I have heard are the number of Council Members and why Ordinances need to have two readings before they are approved; feel that having public comment on March 14 is a little too soon; there will be a time for public participation at all meetings; we can all review the sections at home before the meetings and come ready to discuss our thoughts; we can provide our comments to Ryan beforehand and have them forwarded to everyone; we can just have one Commission email and forward our comments that way; could we use the electronic signs to promote public comment; if we do come up with a change, are we required to put the old wording and the new wording on the ballot; how many characters are we allowed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Feuerstein, seconded by Commissioner Pierson, to incorporate a cross reference chart to update those items in the Charter with the appropriate Ordinance number when going through the review process. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SCHEDULE/PROCESS

Discussion was held regarding the following: should we move the start time of the meeting to 6:30 p.m.; would we get more public comment if we did; not sure if we will but later is definitely better for people who work to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commission Clark, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed. There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.