



**CITY COUNCIL  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017  
6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Feuerstein	
Commissioner Marshall	
Commissioner Clark	
Commissioner Pierson	
Commissioner Morris	
Commissioner Meinert	
Commissioner Plohr	
Commissioner Sewell**	

\*\* participated via conference call

Also present:

Mayor Jim Bowlin  
Mr. Jim Baugus, Council Member  
Mr. Ryan Thomas, City Administrator  
Mr. John Young, City Attorney  
Ms. Amanda Foster, City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Feuerstein seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2017 meeting. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

John Gagnani, 1510 Scofield Valley Lane, referred to Section 6.3 of the City Charter and stated the intent of the language was to prohibit the city from spending money on buildings that would exceed \$3 million. It was not devised to prohibit parks as parks were not considered a building. Mr. Gagnani further stated he supported finite term limits. A discussion was held regarding whether to have term limits or not.

Dean Khlor, 1614 Wolf Trail Road, spoke in opposition of planned residential developments (PRDs).

## **REVIEW OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A discussion was held regarding planned residential developments (PRDs) being unenforceable through the City Charter as PRDs relate to the City's Master Plan. A majority of public comments received were related to abolishing PRDs.

Commissioner Feuerstein made a motion to send comments received related to planned residential developments to the Planning and Parks Committee for review, seconded by Commissioner Pierson. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

## **CHARTER SECTION REVIEW**

Mayor Bowlin provided comments for discussion regarding Sections 3.8(i), 3.9(c), 4.7(g), 4.7(h) and 6.3(b). Regarding Section 3.8(i), Mayor Bowlin recommended including the language written in Ordinance No. 5 into the Charter. Mayor Bowlin also recommended including the language "adequate lot size" in Section 3.9(c) related to land use. The Mayor recommended reducing the term of the Municipal Judge and any Provisional Municipal Judge to one year as opposed to two year terms set forth in Sections 4.7(g) and 4.7(h). Furthermore, Mayor Bowlin recommended clarifying ambiguities in Section 6.3(b) such as the definition of a municipal facility, individual versus cumulative expenditures and if city funds include matching federal, state or other funds.

Commissioner Sewell provided comments for discussion regarding Sections 3.5(c), 4.8, 3.8(e), and 3.8(g). Discussion was held regarding the following: appointment of Council Members within 30 days of vacancy; if the Mayor does not provide a suitable candidate, should the Council make a recommendation; Missouri State Statute states a special meeting shall be called and a successor appointed unless it is so many days before an election; there is no penalty under the Charter if the Mayor does not recommend an appointment within 30 days; should language be added to include a penalty if the Mayor does not recommend an appointment; City Attorney stated he would look in to this matter further; the individual should be willing, appropriate and capable to serve as Council Member; should the role of the Mayor Pro Tempore be limited; under the City of Wildwood's current Charter, the Mayor Pro Tempore can still vote as a Council Member; the majority definition does not consider vacancies; are Council Members required to be present to vote; Missouri Sunshine Law (RSMO Chapter 610) states votes can be made via video conference; City Attorney to stated he look further in to what it means to be "present;" Missouri Sunshine Law (RSMO Chapter 610) states meeting agendas must be posted at a physical location and the City's website is not considered an extension of City Hall.

Mr. Randy Patton, 1661 Garden Valley Court, submitted written comments for discussion regarding Sections 3.8(c), 3.8 (e), and 6.3. Discussion was held regarding the following: should a quorum constitute 9 members or 11 members; should video conferencing or teleconferencing be allowed; should section 6.3(4) be amended to reduce the Council's spending authority for certain capital expenditures from three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to one million dollars (\$1,000,000); should expenditures over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) require voter approval; prevent projects from being divided in to separate parts; should the City Charter be reviewed more frequently than ten (10) years; opportunities; opportunities arise to amend the Charter at any time but the Commission formally meets every ten (10) years.

Discussion was held regarding the following: Page A of the Charter - should "Wards will remain as currently bounded" be amended to clarify that redistricting may happen; should Overview be changed to Preamble; should Department Heads provide input; how will Charter revisions be presented to voters - City Council will decide; how to reach more citizens for public comment; what if voters reject the Charter revisions – Charter will stay the same; Charter revisions should be provided to the public in layman's terms, and next steps in the review process.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pierson, seconded by Commissioner Meinert, 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 8:30 p.m.