



**CITY COUNCIL
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 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	

Also present: Mayor Jim Bowlin
Mr. Ryan Thomas, City Administrator
Mr. John Young, City Attorney
Ms. Amanda Foster, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Plohr seconded by Commissioner Meinert to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 meeting. A voice vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Gragnani, 1510 Scofield Valley Lane, stated the Commissioners need to listen to the people. He stated only the voters can decide whether the Charter is changed.

Tim Woerther, 539 Nantucket Pointe Drive, asked when the proposed Charter revisions will be presented to the City Council.

Bill Kennedy, 48 Rockwood Forest Ridge, stated he was a member of the committee that incorporated Wildwood. He spoke in regards to Section 11.3 of the City Charter. Mr. Kennedy stated he did not want to see elected officials endorse others as that is against the intent and vision of Wildwood. Mr. Kennedy suggested hiring another attorney in order to receive another legal opinion.

Tammy Shea, 18132 Sunny Top, stated there is no recourse for complaints. Ms. Shea stated Charter Review Committee should be published on the front page of the website.

Bill Kennedy, 48 Rockwood Forest Ridge, stated he has concerns about individuals running for office in Ward Six given the current complaints filed.

Jean Vedvig, 16709 Clayton Road, asked the Commissioners to let the public know what sections of the Charter the Commissioners would be reviewing prior to each meeting.

Pat Kozlowski, 18065 Babler Woods, spoke in regards to Section 3.8(b) and the only leeway for special meetings is emergencies.

Bill Kennedy, 48 Rockwood Forest Ridge, spoke in regards to a former Council Members' e-mail distribution.

CHARTER SECTION REVIEW

Section 3.2(a): Wards and Representation

Commissioner Meinert stated a reference should be made to Section 7.2.

Section 3.2(b): Qualifications

Commissioner Pierson stated the qualifications for office should include a criminal background check.

Section 3.2(d): Limitation of Terms

Commissioner Sewell stated Council Members should be limited to four (4) terms total.

Section 3.3: Compensation and Expenses

Discussion was held regarding the following: What does this section refer to; allows for expenses such as Missouri Municipal League conferences and training; Who approves these expenses; applications are received through the City Clerk's Office or the City Administrator's Office; items are budgeted

Section 3.5(a): Vacancies

Commissioner Pierson stated subdivision fees should be included.

Section 3.5(c): Filling of Vacancies

Discussion was held regarding the following: no repercussion if the Mayor does not appoint someone; should the Council be permitted to appoint someone; hard to find people to serve; should people be allowed to participate via teleconference; what does it mean to 'present;' do people have to stay on the call or video conference for the for whole meeting in order to vote; does not feel open and transparent if a person is not physically present

Section 3.8(a): Regular Meetings

Discussion was held regarding the following: do agendas have to be posted at City Hall or can agendas be posted online; overview of Missouri Sunshine Law; most members of the public look for information on the website versus the bulletin board at City Hall; e-mail notifications should be sent; should there be an outdoor bulletin board

Section 3.8(b): Special Meetings

Discussion was held regarding how best to give a twenty four (24) notice

Section 3.8(g): Procedure

Commissioner Feuerstein asked why ordinances are read twice and if there was a way to streamline the process.

Discussion was held regarding the following: Council Members are allowed to discuss items under “Other” on the agenda; need consistency regarding ‘majority’ throughout the Charter

Section 3.8(j): Effective Date

Discussion was held regarding when the Mayor signs legislation.

Section 3.9(c): Land Use Policy

Commissioner Pierson asked if the referenced land use only pertained to city owned property.

Section 4.1: Powers Vested

Bill Kennedy, ADDRESS, stated the Mayor’s duty is not to direct Planning and Zoning and the Mayor is also not to interfere with daily city operations.

Section 4.2(d): Limitation of Terms

Commissioner Sewell restated the need for true term limits.

Section 4.3: Compensation and Expenses

Discussion was held regarding the following: can the Council double their compensation; can there be a cap on compensation; should never vote on your own pay increase; who should vote for pay increases; should elected officials be compensated; should compensation be determined by the Council; are elected officials in other cities compensated

Section 4.5(b): Forfeiture of Office

Discussion was held regarding the following: who decides the current process; Council decides; current process does not go through the Board of Ethics; Charter Violations are reviewed by the Council; does this mean the Council can sit on an item; ethics violations should not be discussed in closed session

Section 4.6(e): Report by the Mayor

Discussion was held regarding the following: what is to be included in the Mayor’s report; is this similar to a State of the Union Address; discuss vision for upcoming year; weak Mayor/strong Administrator form of government

Section 4.7(a): Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees

Commissioner Pierson stated there should be a limit as to how many times a person can serve as Chair on a committee.

Sections 4.7(c-j): City Attorney, Assistant City Attorneys, Prosecuting Attorney, Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, Municipal Judge, Provisional Municipal Judge, City Treasurer

Commissioner Sewell stated the city should rebid these services on a regular schedule such as every two – three years.

Section 4.8: Mayor Pro Tempore

Commissioner Sewell stated the Mayor Pro Tempore does not have the same rights as the Mayor. He asked what would happen if the Mayor could not serve for an extended period of time.

Commissioner Marshall thanked the Commissioners and those in the audience for their participation and comments.

Commissioner Meinert left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEXT MEETING DATE – **Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Pierson, seconded by Commissioner Feuerstein, 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.