



**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2017 - JOSEPH BIZJAK  
THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2017**

**MEETING: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**PLACE: COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
7232 E. MAIN STREET, 1ST FLOOR, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

**I. Call to Order**

PRESENT: Wallace, Bizjak, Saylor, Joseph  
ABSENT: King, Johns

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda stands as approved.

**III. Election of permanent Chairman**

**a. Motion to Appoint Joe Bizjak as Chairman of the 2017 Charter Review Commission**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Craig Saylor               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Libby Wallace              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Wallace, Bizjak, Saylor    |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | King, Johns                |

**IV. Appointment of Vice Chairman**

**V. Confirm meeting dates**

President of Council Doug Joseph was also present and made the following comments: Our Charter that was approved in 1979 requires every 5 years that Council appoint a 5 member Charter Review Commission to review our charter to study it to see if there are any places where we can make changes or improvements, maybe take into consideration changes in technology where it would make sense to make changes as to how our City operates. I made the recommendations and Council approved them and you have up to nine weeks to study the Charter and think about things you would like to see changed possibly. We'll get people in from the City coming into make suggestions to things they think can be improved for their particular departments. People from the general public, same way. So people have opportunities to come in to present their suggestions. Anything that you decide you want to study, we can get detailed information as to how it would work, working with department heads, the City Attorney and access to working with our Clerk if you have additional information or anything like that. We've only tweaked the Charter a few times in the time I served on the Commission and as a Councilman. Things have been proposed both by the public and by the Commission that

ultimately did not either get to the ballot or got defeated on the ballot, the most notable one 5 years ago was when the City Attorney brought forward a proposal that would no longer have him be the legal representative for the Reynoldsburg City Schools only because it's largely redundant thing where they don't use our City Attorney, they have their own legal Counsel, but the voters, not understanding that, chose to leave that in place. So it's kind of something in our Charter that doesn't apply, but it's not used any longer. We may have something similar that is brought forward, that you all like and Council doesn't want to pursue, and it's something the voters decide it's just not something they want to do. That's how the process works. Any questions?

Ms. Wallace asked if it was published in the newspaper that this was taking place.

Mr. Joseph responded that we don't advertise but that the news media will generally publish a news article about the meetings.

Mrs. Beggerow responded that the meeting notice is emailed to the general "Agenda" e-mail list that there are media contacts on as well as it being posted in the foyer and on the City's Website.

Mr. Joseph stated that we will generally know in advance when a member of the Administration will want to make a presentation and that any citizen can come at any time. He suggested that the Commission try to place members over the meeting time to avoid being inundated with speakers on one evening.

Mr. Saylor asked if there should be a time limit on speakers. Mr. Joseph left it up to the Chairman to set.

Mr. Joseph stated that the Commission doesn't have to make any final decision until towards the end of the process. Once it is complete, the Chairman will give a report to Council over what the Commission did over the time frame.

Setting the next meeting: Mr. Saylor stated he was available at any time. The Commission chose Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Future meetings will be scheduled at the next meetings.

#### VI. Determination of deadline date for submission of forms

The Commission reviewed the timeline. June 1st is scheduled to be the final meeting evening with June 12th being the Commission Report to Council.

##### a. Important Dates and Deadlines for the 2017 Charter Review Commission

Adjourn