



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE
CITIZENS CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 4, 2021
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ritter called the regular meeting of the Citizens Charter Review Advisory Committee (CCRAC) for the City of Okeechobee to order on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The invocation was given by Member Chandler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

The following CCRAC Members were present: Suzanne Bowen (entered Chambers at 6:52 P.M.), Noel Chandler, Jamie Gamiotea, Jeremy LaRue, Sandy Perry, Cary Pigman, Gary Ritter, Myranda Whirls and Hoot Worley. Ex officio Member Marcos Montes De Oca was present as well as City Attorney John Fumero, General Services Coordinator Patty Burnette and Executive Assistant Robin Brock. Ex officio Member Wes Abney was absent.

III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Motion by Member Worley, seconded by Member Pigman to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. There was one comment card submitted for public participation by Police Chief Robert Peterson for New Business Agenda Item D.

IV. MINUTES

- A. Motion by Member Pigman, seconded by Member Perry to dispense with the reading and approve the February 11, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr. gave a brief overview of the history of the founding of the City of Okeechobee and how government has operated from then to present.
- B. Members discussed in detail a copy of an organizational chart that was distributed to them showing the current structure and a possible example of an administrative form of government structure.
- C. Members continued their discussion of Article 2 of the Model City Charter prepared by Attorney Fumero. Consensus of the Committee was both the position of Mayor and Vice Mayor should be appointed by the City Council; under Section C-2.2 (a) remove (i); modify (ii) to reflect the City Administrator instead of the Mayor to deliver the budgetary address; move (b) to the Elections section of the Model City Charter and remove term limits from Section C-2.3. The remainder of Article 2 will be discussed at the next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2021.

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED

- D. Due to the lateness of the hour, Article 3 of the Model City Charter will be discussed at the next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2021.
- E. Next agenda items will be finish discussion on the remainder of Article 2 of the Model City Charter and then discuss Article 3.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING

Chairperson Ritter adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Submitted by:

Patty M. Burnette

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Approved on: 3-25-2021

Please take notice and be advised that when a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Citizens Charter Review Advisory Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk.