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**CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT  
CHARTER REVIEW  
COMMISSION**

**FINAL REPORT**

**City of Lee's Summit**  
**Charter Review Commission**  
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# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

## Charter Review Commission

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November 29, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor Rhoads, Councilmembers and Citizens of Lee's Summit

Section 14.8. Charter Review Commission, of the Lee's Summit City Charter, provides that "From time to time, but no less often than every ten years, the Council shall provide for a Charter Review Commission to review this Charter and to recommend to the voters of the city proposed amendments, if any, to this Charter.

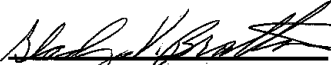
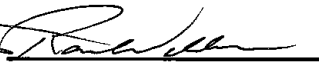
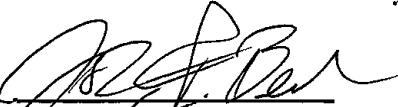
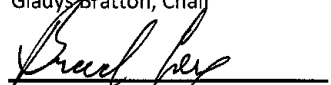
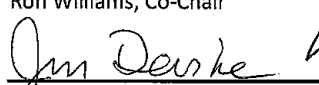
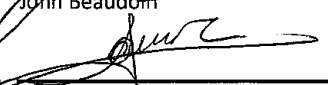
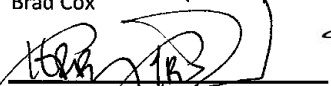

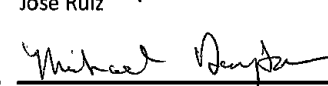
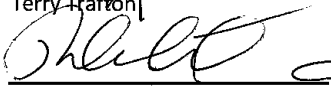
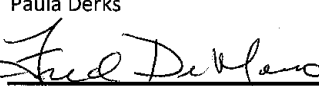
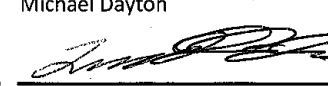
In accordance with Section 14.8, the Lee's Summit City Council established a Charter Review Commission on December 17, 2015, with the passage of Resolution No. 15-18. Twelve citizens were selected to serve on the Commission and were required to report any recommendations to the voters within twelve months of the first meeting.

On January 11, 2016, the first meeting of the Commission was held, at which time Commission Member Gladys Bratton was elected as Chairperson and Commission Member Ron Williams was named as Co-Chair. Commission meetings were held the first and third Tuesday of every month, with the January 19, 2016, meeting cancelled due to inclement weather. A Public Hearing, advertised and open to the public, was held on February 16, 2016.

To aid in the Commission's deliberation, a chart was created for "Pros" and "Cons", based on comments and concerns from Commission members and the public. As each section was debated, the comments and opinions were added to the chart and projected on the screen for all to view. This chart is attached, along with a copy of the Charter, with proposed redlined recommendations.

The members of the Charter Commission wish to thank the Mayor and City Council for extending the opportunity to serve the community. Appreciation is also extended to those who attended the open sessions and voiced their opinions to the Commission. Their participation was unquestionably beneficial in the Commission's deliberations.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Gladys Bratton, Chair	 Ron Williams, Co-Chair	 John Beaudoin
 Brad Cox	 Jim Derks	 José Ruiz
 Terry Trafton	 Paula Derks	 Michael Dayton
 Mike Atcheson	 Fred DeMoro	 Lenny Cacchio

## **RESOLUTION NO. 15-18**

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2016 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the charter is the foundation of home-rule municipal government, addressing the most important aspects of local government and is the organic law of the community; and,

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1995, citizens of Lee's Summit, Missouri, voted to create a Charter Commission to draft a home rule charter for the city; and,

WHEREAS, following extensive meetings, the Charter Commission presented a proposed City Charter to voters, which was approved by the voters and adopted on April 2, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2006 the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit initiated a Charter Review Commission; and,

WHEREAS, following extensive meetings, discussion and careful consideration the Charter Commission proposed certain changes to the Charter to be placed before the voters; and,

WHEREAS, Section 14.8 of the Charter states that no less often than every ten years, the City Council shall provide for a Charter Review Commission to review the Charter and to recommend to the voters proposed amendments, if any, to the Charter; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 14.8 of the Charter, the City Council determined pursuant to Resolution No. 15-17 on November 19, 2015, that the 2016 Charter Review Commission (Commission) was to be comprised of 12 citizens, with each of the eight councilmembers on the City Council nominating one person to serve on the Commission and the remaining four members of the Commission to be nominated by the two councilmembers from each of the four districts; and,

WHEREAS, serving on the Charter Review Commission provides citizens an opportunity to directly participate in shaping the Charter to meet the City's needs in such areas as public services, efficiency of resources, effective local democracy and the aspirations of the City as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, hereby establishes a Charter Review Commission, consisting of twelve members selected by the City Council for the purpose of reviewing the Charter for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, to determine whether or not the Charter will adequately serve the community into the future and to report to the voters as many amendments to the Charter as the Commission deems advisable.

SECTION 2. That the following persons have been nominated and are hereby selected to serve as the Members of the Charter Review Commission, who shall serve until the Commission has completed its work and has rendered its Report to the Voters, in accordance with City Charter Section 14.8:

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DISTRICT 1	Ron Williams
Councilmember Forte	John Beaudoin
Councilmember Binney	Brad Cox
DISTRICT 2	Jim Devine
Councilmember Gray	Jose Ruiz
Councilmember Carlyle	Terry Trafton
DISTRICT 3	Paula Derks
Councilmember Holland	Michael Dayton
Councilmember Seif	Mike Atcheson
DISTRICT 4	Gladys Bratton
Councilmember Johnson	Fred DeMoro
Councilmember Mosby	Lenny Cacchio

SECTION 3. That the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, hereby provides for the governance, procedures and staff of the Charter Review Commission, as follows:

- The Commission is charged with the duty to review the existing Charter in accordance with Section 14.8 to determine whether or not the Charter will adequately serve the community into the future and to propose such amendments as it shall deem advisable.
- The Commission shall hold the initial meeting on or before Monday, January 11, 2016, and notice of the first meeting will be provided by the City Clerk at a location to be determined by the City Clerk after coordinating with members on time availability.
- The Commission shall, at its first meeting, elect from among its members a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the powers and duties of the Chairperson during the absence or disability of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall possess the power to vote on all matters before the Commission.
- Members shall meet at least once a month until the task of the commission shall be completed.
- Within twelve months of the first meeting, the Charter Review Commission must report to the voters as many amendments to the Charter as deemed advisable. Upon completion of the Report, the Commission shall file a copy with the City Clerk.
- Commission members will educate the community about the proposed amendments prior to the election, including the reasons for the recommendations to amend the City Charter.
- The procedures of the Commission shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

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- The City Manager shall be directed to provide the necessary City Staff and resources, as needed by the Commission.

SECTION 4. That the Charter Review Commission shall be discharged of its duties and dissolved upon the date of the election on any proposed amendments.

SECTION 5. That any proposed amendments to the Charter shall be placed before the voters on the regular municipal election day in April 2017 (April 4, 2017).

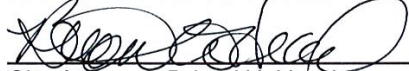
PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of said City this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
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Mayor Randall L. Rhoads

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Denise R. Chisum

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney Brian W. Head