



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

RESOLUTION 2016-048

APPROVING BALLOT TITLE AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING THE CITY RECORDER REPORTING STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Sherwood City Council met in public work sessions on February 16, 2016 and June 7, 2016 to discuss a number of possible amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Council further considered said amendments during a public meeting on July 19, 2016 and has determined to submit to the voters of Sherwood a ballot measure proposing to amend the charter with regard to the City Recorder reporting structure;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** An election is called for the City of Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon for the purpose of submitting to City voters an amendment to the City's home rule charter regarding the City Recorder reporting structure.
- Section 2.** Tuesday, November 8, 2016 is designated as the date for holding the election for voting on the measure.
- Section 3.** The election will be conducted by the Washington County Elections Department.
- Section 4.** The precincts for this election will include all of the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Sherwood.
- Section 5.** The Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, are hereby approved and certified.
- Section 6.** The City Recorder will publish the Ballot Title as required by state law. The City of Sherwood authorizes the City Recorder or her designee to act on behalf of the City and to take such further action as is necessary to carry out the intent and purposes set forth herein, in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.
- Section 7.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 19th day of July, 2016.


Krisanna Clark, Mayor

Attest:


Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder

Exhibit 1
Ballot Title

CAPTION: Revision to Sherwood Charter Regarding City Recorder Reporting Structure

QUESTION: Shall the charter be amended such that the City Recorder reports to the City Manager?

SUMMARY: This measure was referred to the voters by the City Council. It amends Section 34 of the charter such that the City Recorder would report to the City Manager, rather than reporting to the City Council as is the case with the current charter language. If approved, it would take effect January 1, 2017.

Section 34 would read as follows:

(a) The office of city recorder is established as the council clerk, city custodian of records and city elections official. The recorder must attend all council meetings unless excused by the City Manager.

(b) The City Manager must appoint and may remove the recorder. The appointment must be made without regard to political considerations and solely on the basis of education and experience.

(c) When the recorder is temporarily disabled from acting as recorder or when the office becomes vacant, the City Manager must appoint a recorder pro tem. The recorder pro tem has the authority and duties of the recorder.

Exhibit 2
Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend, and revise the City Charter. The Sherwood City Council met several times in open public meetings to discuss a number of possible amendments to the City Charter, and determined to refer this measure proposing a charter amendment to the voters.

This measure would amend Section 34 of the City Charter such that the City Recorder would report to the City Manager, rather than reporting to the City Council as is the case with the current charter language. In considering this amendment, the City Council reviewed the City Recorder reporting structure in other area cities and found that, in most cases, the City Recorder reports to the City Manager.

Section 34 would read in its entirety (with added language shown in underline and removed language shown in ~~striketrough~~):

(a) The office of city recorder is established as the council clerk, city custodian of records and city elections official. The recorder must attend all council meetings unless excused by the ~~mayor or council~~City Manager.

(b) ~~A majority of the council~~The City Manager must appoint and may remove the recorder. The appointment must be made without regard to political considerations and solely on the basis of education and experience.

(c) When the recorder is temporarily disabled from acting as recorder or when the office becomes vacant, the ~~council~~City Manager must appoint a recorder pro tem. The recorder pro tem has the authority and duties of the recorder.

If approved by voters, this measure would take effect January 1, 2017.