

# 2020 ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

## Committee Summary Report

Rights of the Wekiva River and Econlockhatchee

River Committee

November 18, 2019

Comptroller's 4th Floor Conference Room

4:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Eugene Stoccardo, Chair

James R. Auffant John E. Fauth

Clifford Shepard, CRC Attorney Katie Smith, Assisting CRC as Staff

Jennifer Lara-Klimetz, Assisting CRC as Staff

Absent Members: Nikki Mims

Anthony (Tony) Suarez

Other Present: Kate Latorre, Assistant County Attorney

The Rights of the Wekiva River and Econlockhatchee River Committee meeting was held to further review proposed Charter amendment language.

## **Public Comment**

The following persons addressed the committee:

- Chuck O'Neal
- Kathleen Fitzgerald

## Members Open Discussion

Chair Stoccardo opened the floor for member discussion concerning the proposed Charter amendment language. Member Fauth requested that the committee first look at the definitions included in the language. Committee members and CRC Attorney Shepard offered suggested edits. Discussion ensued. Committee members agreed Member Fauth and CRC Attorney Shepard would review the existing proposed definitions prior to the next committee meeting.

Chair Stoccardo inquired as to whether the committee should contact an environmental attorney. Deputy Clerk Smith questioned whether it would be appropriate to invite the County's subject matter experts to address the committee. Assistant County Attorney Latorre advised that the County Attorney's Office has several environmental attorneys, and County staff has been

monitoring the work of the committee. Discussion ensued. CRC Attorney Shepard contributed to the discussion. Deputy Clerk Smith and Assistant County Attorney Latorre will work together on scheduling a Sunshine meeting between committee members, CRC General Counsel and County staff.

Committee members and CRC Attorney Shepard discussed the remaining sections of the proposed Charter amendment language. Discussion ensued. CRC Attorney Shepard contributed to the discussion. Committee members agreed Member Fauth and CRC Attorney Shepard will work on language related to a provision advising an individual or entity what is unlawful.

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#### Future Action Plan

Member Auffant requested that the meeting with County staff be scheduled first, prior to the next committee meeting. The committee members agreed that Mondays and Thursdays were acceptable meeting days, with the exception of Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Deputy Clerk Smith reminded members that the committee's deadline to staff for their final report and recommendations is January 24, 2019. The committee is scheduled to present their first reading to the full CRC on February 5, 2020.

The next scheduled committee meeting will be determined at a later date. Supporting materials, including the meeting notice, agenda, audio and summary report, may be found by visiting <a href="https://www.occompt.com/clerk-of-the-bcc/charter-2020/meetings/">https://www.occompt.com/clerk-of-the-bcc/charter-2020/meetings/</a>.