

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA

September 15, 2025 6:00 PM

(meeting taped)

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Fountaine called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**2. Proper Noticing**

City staff confirmed there was proper noticing for the meeting.

**3. Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David Fountaine	Chairperson	Present
Derrel Strickland	Vice Chairperson	Absent
Andre Nacaxe	Voting Member	Present
Robin Caruthers	Voting Member	Present
Keith Pearlman	Voting Member	Absent
Joe Elliott	Ex-officio Member	Present
Jenalys Otero	Non-Voting Member	Absent
Emily Ruiz	Non-Voting Member	Absent
Cassandra Smith	Assistant City Manager/CFO	Present
Madison Guinn	Executive Assistant	Present
Joshua Bills	City Attorney	Present

**4. Determination of a Quorum**

Chairperson Fountaine confirmed that a quorum was present.

**5. Comments from the General Public**

There were no members of the public present for the meeting.

**6. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**7. Action Items**

**A. Minutes For Approval: August 11, 2025, Charter Review Committee Meeting**

Chairperson Fountaine asked the committee members to review the minutes from the previous meeting held on August 11, 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nacaxe

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Caruthers
<b>AYES:</b>	Nacaxe, Caruthers, Fontaine

**8. Discussion Items**

**A. Citizens Charter Committee Report**

Chairperson Fontaine presented a draft of the Citizens Charter Report for the committee's review and feedback. The report will formally notify the City Commission that the committee has completed its review of the City Charter and outline the committee's findings. Chairperson Fontaine noted that the City Commission has consistently addressed resident concerns effectively and emphasized that districting at this stage could complicate representation, given Wildwood's rapid population growth. Committee members discussed the city's recent growth, noting that the population has now reached nearly 36,800 residents. They acknowledged the challenges of introducing district-based representation in such a rapidly growing environment, citing examples from other cities where rapid growth created similar difficulties.

The committee agreed to finalize the report and submit it to the City Commission, with Chairperson Fontaine volunteering to present the recommendation in person at an upcoming City Commission meeting. The committee's consensus was to recommend leaving the current City Charter unchanged, at least until growth has stabilized. In the future, members suggested that once stability is reached, the establishment of districts could be considered, where commissioners would reside within their respective districts while continuing to be elected at-large. The Citizens Charter Report was then formally adopted with a unanimous vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nacaxe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Caruthers
<b>AYES:</b>	Nacaxe, Caruthers, Fontaine

**9. Adjournment**

Before adjourning, members expressed appreciation for the constructive dialogue and thorough research that guided their work. Commissioner Elliott commended the committee's integrity and reflected on the importance of understanding how city decisions affect residents. The meeting concluded with shared appreciation for the committee's time, effort, and thoughtful consideration of these important matters.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nacaxe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Caruthers
<b>AYES:</b>	Nacaxe, Caruthers, Fontaine

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Date: 10/27/20

Chairperson: 