

RESOLUTION NO. 1232

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "COUNCIL/MANAGER" FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Clackamas County Commissioners appointed a County Charter Commission to consider home rule government for Clackamas County; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission is soliciting input as to specific provisions that should be included in a home rule charter; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County is one of the few counties in the state which still operates under state authority and without home rule powers; and

WHEREAS, the other counties in the region (Washington County and Multnomah County) have home rule charters that call for a non-partisan board of five county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, effective governance of the county is of crucial importance to every city in the county; and

WHEREAS, improving the effectiveness and responsiveness of Clackamas County government is a charge of the Charter Commission and a goal of the County Commissioners in empowering them to prepare a home rule charter; and

WHEREAS, the Council/Manager form of government has proved to be effective and responsive to the citizens of the City of Wilsonville.

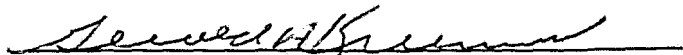
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE makes the following recommendations for inclusion in the Clackamas County Home Rule Charter that:

1. The position of County Manager shall be called out specifically in the charter with the manager to serve at the pleasure of the County Commissioners.
2. The County Commissioners shall be elected on a non-partisan basis.
3. The County Commissioners shall serve on a part-time basis; however, given the complexity and number of issues facing county government, elected policy makers should be compensated. Although there is no reason to include a specific

amount in the charter, compensation could be tied to a percentage of a district court judge's salary.


4. There shall be five County Commissioners to be elected at large but require residency by district to insure county-wide representation on the commission without jeopardizing the importance of having the commissioners responsive to the county as a whole.
5. The chair of the County Commission shall be elected at large. Given the complexity of county government there may be a reason to have the chair serve full time, however, all other commissioners should be part time in order to insure that they are "citizen legislators" reflecting a policy-making rather than an administrative role.
6. The charter should be kept simple and as "constitution" like as possible providing a broad grant of general powers with any specifics to be developed by ordinance and resolution.
7. All county employees shall be accountable to the County Manager and responsible through the manager to the governing body. The charter would, therefore, be silent on the issue of elected row officers. It is more important, however, that the charter appeal to a broad-based constituency and **pass** voter approval than it is to eliminate any elected county officials.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 4th day of December, 1995, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.



GERALD A. KRUMMEL, Mayor

ATTEST:



SANDRA C. KING, City Recorder

SUMMARY of Votes:

Mayor Krummel: Yes

Councilor Lehan: Yes

Councilor Hawkins: Yes

Councilor Leahy: Yes

Councilor Leo: Yes