

Minutes

Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission

Regular Meeting of April 20, 2022

The Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Princeton, Texas (“HRCC”), met in Regular Session on April 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 2000 E. Princeton Dr. Princeton, Texas 75407.

The following HRCC commissioners were present: Jody Sutherland (Chair), David Walker, John Ragan, Nikki Krum (Vice Chair), Lora Wilcher, Jeff Truitt, Lindsey Kessler, Jim Key, Maxine Ellis, Ryan Gerfers, Nichole Amadio, Mike Brinkerhoff, Rich Hooper [arrived 6:39 PM], and.

The following commissioners were absent: Brenda Honea, Nichole Amadio, Kelly Carr.

The following HRCC alternates were present: Andrew Bongiani, Shelley Nunley, and Matthew Krum.

The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, City Attorney David Overcash, Records Clerk Gabrielle Sutton, and Director of Community Engagement Tenishea Turner

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL.** Jody Sutherland (Chair), called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
2. **Public Comment.** Members of the public were invited to address the HRCC regarding any topic on the night’s agenda, or any other topic. No one was present.
3. **Consent Agenda:** The following items were adopted unanimously, without objection or debate, as part of the consent agenda:
  - a. Adoption of the draft minutes of the HRCC April 6, 2022, meeting as the official minutes for said meeting.
  - b. Adopting updates to the HRCC roster to reflect exchanges of alternates and voting members.

**4. Discussions and deliberations regarding the formation of a charter for the City of Princeton, Texas.** Unless otherwise specified by the HRCC’s motion to adopt a change to the draft charter, adoption of modified language for one section of the charter shall include adoption of harmonizing modifications to other sections which concern the same subject matter to eliminate conflicts between provisions and ensure that the HRCC’s decision is accurately reflected throughout the draft document. A listing of specific sections below does not limit the HRCC to discussion or deliberations regarding other sections of the same chapters. This meeting, as time allows, the HRCC plans to discuss the provisions for:

- a. **Chapter Three: City Council**
- b. **Chapter Eleven: Elections**
- c. **Chapter Twelve: Initiative, Referendum, and Recall**
- d. **Chapter Fourteen: General and Transition Provisions**
- e. **Chapter Four: City Manager**

The HRCC deliberations included a variety of topics relating to the governing body of the city, including \_\_\_\_\_.

A motion was made to those appointments for one year or less wouldn’t be counted against the limit. The draft HRC was made by Nikki Krum and seconded by David Walker; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to include any special election term serving more than half of the time of a standard term count towards a consecutive term in the draft HRC was made by Jeff Truitt and seconded by Nikki Krum; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion for the draft HRC to ensure any appointed service time would not be counted toward the aggregated of 16 years, was made by John Ragan and seconded by Nikki Krum; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion for the draft HRC to include term limits be prospective only (for current City Council and Mayor) was made by Mike Brinkerhoff and seconded by Nikki Krum; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.<sup>1</sup>

**5. Discussion and potential action regarding meeting calendar and letting agenda items for the next HRCC meeting, scheduled for April 20, 2022.** HRCC engaged in general discussion regarding the agendas for upcoming meetings and provided input to staff. The May 4, 2022, agenda will include further deliberations relating in Chapter Chapter Eleven (“Elections”), and Chapter Twelve (“Initiative,

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of term limits, the deliberations of the HRCC reflected the majority’s intent to treat all council member places as equivalent, with only the office of mayor treated separately, and this motion shall be construed in that light. An individual reaching the limit of two terms as councilmember (in any place designation) would remain eligible to immediately run for the office of mayor, and vice versa, but a councilmember who has completed two consecutive terms shall not be eligible for election to any other city councilmember place.

Referendum, and Recall”), and Chapter Fourteen (“General and Transitional Provisions”) including but not limited to provisions relating to the governing body and mayor and details of the adopted term limits. Chapter Four (“City Manager”) and other chapters may also be listed for discussion as time permits.

- 6. ADJOURN.** The Chair invited a motion to adjourn, which was made from the floor and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote without objection or debate at 8:17 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES ADOPTED AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2022, HRCC MEETING, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HRCC, AT ITS MEETING ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

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Jody Sutherland, Chair

ATTEST:

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Gabrielle Sutton