

Minutes

Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission

Regular Meeting of May 4, 2022

The Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Princeton, Texas ("HRCC"), met in Regular Session on May 4, 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, Nikki Krum (Vice Chair), Lindsey Kessler, Jim Key, Brenda Honea, Ryan Gerfers, Nichole Amadio, Mike Brinkerhoff, Rich Hooper, and Kelly Carr.

The following commissioners were absent: John Ragan, Lora Wilcher, Jeff Truitt, and Maxine Ellis.

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, and Records Clerk Gabrielle Sutton.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL.** Jody Sutherland (Chair), called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 18, 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 the 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. In 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 city's governing body, Elections, and provisions for Initiative, Referendum, and Recall.

A motion to modify the HRC draft to provide for newly added council seats 6 and 7 be elected in their initial 2023 election to serve a 3-year term, thereafter to continue with 4-year terms for the elections in 2026 and after, by Commissioner Nikki Krum and seconded by Ryan Gerfers; said motion was adopted 9-1 following a roll call vote of members present. Commissioner Kessler cast a vote against the motion.

A motion was made to confirm that the HRC draft would provide that the seats for the Mayor and Council Member seats 1 through 5 would be elected on their current schedule, with 4-year terms on the next scheduled election following adoption of the HRC by the voters, by Commissioner Nikki Krum and seconded by Commissioner Brinkerhoff; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion for the draft HRC to include the provisions for the powers of Initiative, Referendum, and Recall into the draft charter was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Nikki Krum; said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to include provisions in the draft HRC establishing that the powers of Initiative, Referendum, and Recall percentages may be activated by petitions signed by at least 25% (twenty-five percent) of the number of registered voters residing in the City at the time of the last regular City election, with all of said petition types being provided 60 (sixty) days to circulate after filing the required affidavit with the City Secretary, was made by Commissioner Brinkerhoff and seconded by Commissioner Hooper; said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

5. Discussion and potential action regarding meeting calendar and letting agenda items for the next HRCC meeting, scheduled for May 18, 2022. A typographical error was noted in the printed agenda which stated the date of the next meeting to be May 20, 2022. HRCC engaged in general discussion regarding the agendas for upcoming meetings and provided input to staff. May 18, 2022, agenda will include further deliberations relating to details of Chapter Twelve ("Initiative, Referendum, and Recall"), and Chapter Fourteen ("General and Transitional Provisions"), and broad discussions for Chapter Four ("City Manager"), Chapter Five ("City Departments/Fiscal Administration"), Chapter Six ("City Secretary"), and Chapter Seven ("City Attorney"), 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 8:07 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2022, HRCC MEETING, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HRCC, AT ITS MEETING ON THE 18 DAY OF May, 2022.



Jody Sutherland, Chair

ATTEST:



Gabrielle Sutton