

Minutes

Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission

Regular Meeting of May 18, 2022

The Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Princeton, Texas (“HRCC”), met in Regular Session on May 18, 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), Lindsey Kessler, Jim Key, Brenda Honea, Maxine Ellis, Ryan Gerfers, Mike Brinkerhoff, Rich Hooper, and Kelly Carr.

The following commissioners were absent: Lora Wilcher, Jeff Truitt, and Nichole Amadio.

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, and Director of Community Engagement Tenishea Turner.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL.** Jody Sutherland (Chair), called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 May 4, 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. The HRCC deliberations included a variety of topics relating to the city's governing body, Elections, and provisions for Initiative, Referendum, and Recall, and the other sections listed on the agenda, including:

- a. Chapter Twelve: Initiative, Referendum, and Recall**
- b. Chapter Fourteen: General and Transition Provisions**
- c. Chapter Four: City Manager**
- d. Chapter Five: City Department/Fiscal Administration**
- e. Chapter Six: City Secretary**
- f. Chapter Seven: City Attorney**

A motion to modify the HRC draft establishing that for the powers of Initiative and Referendum, the required petitions must be signed by at least 25% (twenty-five percent) of the City's voters casting ballots in the most recent regular municipal election (changed from the number of registered voters residing in the City) or a minimum of 300 signatures from registered City voters, whichever number is greater, was made by Commissioner Krum and seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify the HRC draft establishing that for the power of the Recall, the petition requirements be changed to 35% of votes cast by City voters during the most recent regular municipal election, or a minimum of 400 signatures from registered City voters, whichever number is greater, was made by Commissioner Nikki Krum and seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

No specific action was taken with Chapter 14, General and Transition Provisions.

A motion to adopt the current draft HRC language for Chapter 4 as it presently reads was made by Commissioner Walker made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Ragan; said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to adopt the current draft HRC language for Chapter 5 as it presently reads was made by Commissioner Ragan made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Brinkerhoff; said motion was adopted 9-2 following a roll call vote of members present, with Commissioners Krum and Ellis voting against.

A motion to adopt the current draft HRC language for Chapter 6 as it presently reads was made by Commissioner Ragan made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Ellis; said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to adopt the current draft HRC language for Chapter 6 as it presently reads was made by Commissioner Ragan made a motion and seconded by

Commissioner Ellis; said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to leave chapter 7 as it reads in the HRC draft charter. Commissioner Ragan made a motion and Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion; 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. HRCC engaged in general discussion regarding the agendas for upcoming meetings and provided input to staff. The June 1, 2022 agenda will include further deliberations relating to details of Chapter Eight (Municipal Court), Chapter Nine (Boards and Commissions), Chapter Ten (Ordinances), and Chapter Fourteen ("General and Transitional Provisions"). At the request of Commissioner Krum, the agenda will also include further discussion on potential adoption of a district systems for the election of City Councilmembers.

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 8:03 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2022, HRCC MEETING, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HRCC, AT ITS MEETING ON THE 1 DAY OF June, 2022.



Jody Sutherland, Chair

ATTEST.



Gabrielle Sutton