

Minutes

Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission

Regular Meeting of June 15, 2022

The Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Princeton, Texas ("HRCC"), met in Regular Session on June 15, 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: David Walker, John Ragan, Laurie Krum (Vice-Chair), Melissa Ned, Andrew Bongiani, Lindsey Kessler, Jim Key, Brenda Honea, Maxine Ellis, Ryan Gerfers, Claudia Mercer, Kelly Carr, Mike Brinkerhoff and Rich Hooper.

The following commissioners were absent: Jody Sutherland (Chair).

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

The following Staff Members were present: City Attorney David Overcash, City Manager Derek Borg, City Secretary Amber Anderson, and Director of Community Engagement Tenishea Turner.

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL. Nikki Krum (Vice-Chair, sitting in absence of Commissioner Sutherland), called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Commissioner Carr was absent during the call of roll, but arrived during discussions of agenda item #4 below and he participated in all roll call votes listed in that Sections 4 and 5 of these minutes.

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 (Commissioner Carr was not present for this vote), without objection or debate, as part of the consent agenda.

a. Adoption of the draft minutes of the HRCC June 1, 2022, meeting as the official minutes for said meeting.

b. Adopting updates to the HRCC roster to reflect exchanges of alternates and voting members. Alternate Claudia Mercer was exchanged with Nicole Amadio as a Voting Member.

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 municipal court, city boards and commissions, the code of ordinances, and use of districts for election of members of the city's governing body, including:

- a. **Chapter Nine: Boards and Commissions**
- b. **Chapter Ten: Ordinances**
- c. **Chapter Fourteen: General and Transition Provisions**
- d. **Potential use of districts for election of the City Council seats (relates primarily to Chapter Two (Form of Government) and Chapter 11 (Elections)).**

A motion to modify Chapter 9 (Boards and Commissions) of the HRC draft that the Economics Development Corporation and Community Development Corporation allow the appointment of residents of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and local business owners to their boards of directors to the extent permitted under state law was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Bongiani; said motion was adopted 11-2 following a roll call vote of members present. Commissioners Ragan and Hooper voted against it.

A motion to leave Chapter 10 as it reads in the HRC Charter draft was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Walker; said motion was adopted 13-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify the HRCC draft to provide that occupied residential dwelling units shall serve as the basis for dividing the City's voters into districts for councilmember seats was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Ragan; said motion was adopted 12-1 following a roll call vote of members present. Commissioner Bongiani voted against

No specific action was taken regarding Chapter 14 – General and Transition Provisions.

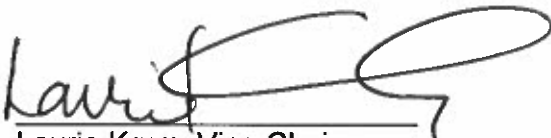
A motion to postpone further discussion and action regarding councilmember districts until a future meeting was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Kessler said motion was adopted 13-0 following a roll-call vote of all members present.

5. Discussion and potential action regarding meeting calendar and setting agenda items for the next HRCC meeting, scheduled for July 6, 2022, and two special community input/public engagement workshops to occur in July 2022. NOTE: This item was considered out of sequence (between items #3 and #4, and action taken, then discussed again prior to conclusion of the meeting. A motion to conduct Public Work Sessions on July 10, 2022 and July 16, 2022, was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Ragan; said motion was adopted 12-1 following roll call vote of members present, with Commissioner Walker voting against. A related motion to provide that a failure to attend one or both of these public work sessions would not be counted against a Voting Member's required attendance was made by Commissioner Hooper and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, said motion was adopted by a 13-0 roll call vote of members present.

6. The HRCC discussed the items to be listed on the upcoming agendas. The Public Work Session agendas scheduled for July 10, 2022 and July 16, 2022 shall not include any action items. The agenda for the next regular meeting of the HRCC set for July 6, 2022 shall include further discussions on matters relating to City Council districting including interactions with the power of Recall, elections, and other transitional provisions.

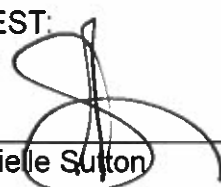
7. **ADJOURN.** The Chair invited a motion to adjourn, which was made from the floor and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote without objection or debate at 8:18 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2022, HRCC MEETING, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HRCC, AT ITS MEETING ON THE
6 DAY OF July, 2022.



Laurie Krum, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Gabrielle Sutton