

Minutes

Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission

Regular Meeting of July 6, 2022

The Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Princeton, Texas ("HRCC"), met in Regular Session on July 6, 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, Laurie Krum (Vice-Chair), Andrew Bongiani, Jim Key, Brenda Honea, Maxine Ellis, Ryan Gerfers, Claudia Mercer, Rich Hooper, and Mike Brinkerhoff.

The following commissioners were absent: Melissa Ned, Lindsey Kessler, and Kelly Carr.

The following HRCC alternates were present: Matthew Krum.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL.** Jody Sutherland 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 June 15, 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. This meeting the HRCC discussed the provisions for:

- a. Chapter Nine: Boards and Commissions**
- b. Chapter Fourteen: General and Transition Provisions**
- c. Chapter Fifteen: Adoption of Charter**
- d. Details for implementation of districts for election of four City Council seats (relates primarily to Chapter Two (Form of Government) and Chapter 11 (Elections)), with attention to the following subtopics:**
 - **Timing of first election to implement districts**
 - **Organization of Council Districting Commission**
- e. Petition Requirements for Initiative, Referendum, Recall (Ch. 12)**

At this meeting, HRCC deliberations may include votes to modify the language of the draft charter.

A motion to modify Section 9.03 of Chapter 9 (Boards and Commissions) of the HRC draft to provide that Economic Development Corporation board members would serve two-year, staggered terms 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 Chapter 9 (Boards and Commissions) of the HRC draft remove the language from Section 9.04 which would allow residents of the ETJ or local business owners to be appointed to the Community Development Corporation, was made by Commissioner Krum and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, said motion was adopted 10-1 following a roll call vote of members present. Commissioner Ragan voted against.

A motion to modify Section 9.03 of Chapter 9 to provide that the Economic Development Corporation shall be comprised of at least 7 members was made by Commissioner Brinkerhoff and seconded by Commissioner Krum, said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 9 (Boards and Commissions) of the HRC draft that to provide that no appointee to the listed Boards may hold any elective office of the State of Texas or any other political subdivision thereof during their term of office was made by Commissioner Krum and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, said motion was adopted 9-2 following a roll call vote of members present. Commissioners Bongiani and Brinkerhoff voted against.

A motion to have the HRCC draft Section 9.03 provide that appointees to the Economic Development Corporation may be residents, or an appointed

representative of a business located within the City's ETJ, when such appointments are permitted by state law was made by Commissioner Hooper and seconded by Commissioner Key; said motion was adopted 11-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 11 (Elections), Section 11.07 (Council Districting Commission) of the HRC draft to provide that the Districting Commission shall be comprised of no less than 7 registered voters of the City of Princeton was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Krum said motion was adopted 10-1 following a roll-call vote of all members present. Commissioner Ragan voted against.

5. Discussion and potential action regarding meeting calendar and setting agenda items for the next HRCC meeting, scheduled for July 20, and discussions regarding the two special community input/public engagement work sessions scheduled for July 10, 2022, from 2 PM to 4 PM, and July 16, 2022, from 10 AM to 12 PM.

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 8:36 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 20 DAY OF July, 2022.


~~Jody Sutherland = Chair~~
Laurie Krum Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Gabrielle Sutton, Deputy City Secretary