

Minutes

Princeton Home Rule Charter Commission

Regular Meeting of July 20, 2022

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

The following commissioners were absent: Jody Sutherland, Melissa Ned, Lindsey Kessler, and Rich Hooper.

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

The following Staff Members were present: City Attorney David Overcash, City Manager Derek Borg, and Deputy City Secretary Gabrielle Sutton.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL.** Laurie Krum (Vice-Chair, sitting in absence of Commissioner Sutherland), called the meeting to order at 6:33 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. **Community Feedback from 7/10 and 7/16 Public Work Sessions**
- b. **Chapter Nine: Boards and Commissions**
- c. **Chapter Fourteen: General and Transition Provisions**
- d. **Chapter Fifteen: Adoption of Charter**
- e. **Details for implementation of districts for the 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 the first election to implement districts**
 - **Organization of Council Districting Commission**
- f. **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 accept Chapter 9 as it currently reads in the HRC Charter draft was made by Commissioner Ragan and seconded by Commissioner Walker; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to accept the language in Chapter 11 (Elections) of the HRC draft to allowing for variations of 100 residents or less in the drawing of district boundaries to be considered compliant with the charter was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Ragan; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 11.07 to set the first drawing of districts in 2029, to allow them to be in effect for elections occurring in 2030, was made by Commissioner Ragan and seconded by Commissioner Carr; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify the Chapter 11 (Council Districting Commission) Charter draft to provide that the first district map defining single-member council districts would be put in place before the candidate filing deadline for the November 2030 municipal elections was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Ragan; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 11 (Council Districting Commission) the HRC draft to provide that single-member district boundaries will be redrawn every 8 years was made by Commissioner Ragan and seconded by Commissioner Mercer; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll call vote of members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 11 (Council Districting Commission) of the HRC draft to provide that the districting commission shall have at least 7 members and prohibiting the simultaneous service of any person holding elective office for any political subdivision of the state in the same manner as other city boards was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Bongiani; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll-call vote of all members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 11 (Council Districting Commission) of the HRC draft to provide that each councilmember, other than the mayor, will be entitled to nominate at least one commissioner for ratification by the whole city council mayor was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Key; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll-call vote of all members present.

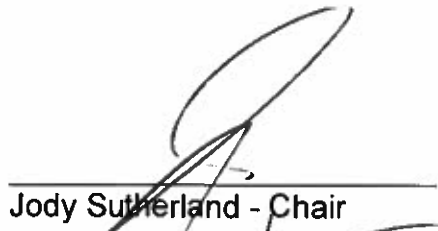
A motion to modify Chapter 11 (Council Districting Commission) of the HRC draft to designate Places 4, 5, 6, and 7 as the four seats to become single-member district seats was made by Commissioner Bongiani and seconded by Commissioner Ragan; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll-call vote of all members present.

A motion to modify Chapter 12 (Initiative, Referendum, and Recall), Sec. 12.07 relating to recall petitions to implement proposed Variant #1, to specify that only those voters residing within the district boundaries in effect during the election of councilmember from a single-member district will qualify to sign a recall petition for that officeholder, was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Honea; said motion was adopted 10-0 following a roll-call vote of all members present.

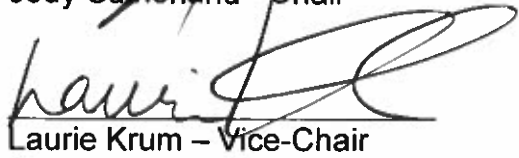
5. Discussion and potential action regarding meeting calendar and setting agenda items for the next HRCC meeting, scheduled for August 3, 2022. At the next meeting, the HRCC plans to review the entirety body of the draft charter for potential finalization and submission to the City Council.

6. ADJOURN. The Vice-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 JULY 20, 2022, HRCC MEETING BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HRCC, AT ITS MEETING ON THE 3 DAY OF August, 2022.

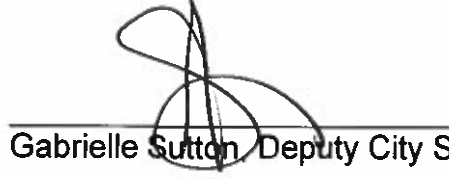


Jody Sutherland - Chair



Laurie Krum - Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Gabrielle Sutton, Deputy City Secretary