

MINUTES
HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) MEETING
September 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) met on the above date. Secretary Barron called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and noted there was a quorum. Chair Scott Levine has resigned from the commission. Vice Chair Macduff is now the Chair. Alternate Fecht is now a regular member. Alternate Terry Lynch stepped in to replace Commissioner Tom Macduff due to his absence.

HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

HRCC Members

- ✓ 1. Z Marshall
- ✓ 2. James A. “Andy” Redmond
- ✓ 3. Billy Barron (Secretary)
- ✓ 4. David Gilmore
- X 5. Tom Macduff (Chair)
- ✓ 6. Randy Kercho
- ✓ 7. Homer Adams II
- ✓ 8. Scott Livesay
- ✓ 9. Todd Fecht

HRCC Alternates

- ✓ 1. Terry M. Lynch (Replacing Commissioner Macduff for this meeting)

Staff/Others Present:

- ✓ City Attorney Brandon S. Shelby
- ✓ City Administrator Luke B. Olson
- X ACA/CS Patti Scott Grey
- ✓ Police Captain Kenneth Price

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- ✓ Mayor Lee Pettle
 - X Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge
 - ✓ Councilmember Cindy Meyer
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Terry Lynch led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Lee Pettle led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2019.
[BARRON]
2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2019.
[BARRON]

MOTION: Commissioner Livesay moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Kercho seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTING A VICE CHAIR FOR THE HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC). [BARRON]

MOTION: Commissioner Marshall nominated Commissioner Kercho for Vice Chair. Commissioner Fecht seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Secretary Barron handed over the running of the meeting to Vice Chair Kercho.

4. DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES

Attorney Shelby has a court conflict with the current schedule. Meetings are being moved to the 4th Tuesday of every month. This was not formerly voted on as an outgoing schedule, but the October 22nd meeting was agreed upon. The Commission would discuss future meeting dates at that time when the Chair (Commissioner MacDuff) was expected to be back.

5. WORK SESSION. [SHELBY]

Vice Chair Kercho expressed his concern at the lack of progress.

Commissioner Marshall stated that once the Form of Government was decided on that the rest of the Charter would go much quicker and felt the Commission was still on course. Vice chair Kercho also stated that the commission still needed to address if Home Rule was the preferred path since several citizens he had spoken with were questioning why changes were

being contemplated. Discussion followed regarding what benefits Home Rule may offer over General Law. Attorney Shelby stated that some options available under a Home Rule Charter that may be positively viewed is the ability to Recall, Referendum, Initiatives, Set Term Limits, Increase levels of Internal Controls and pass laws regulating various items (e.g. vicinity of registered sex offenders to other locations and short term rentals). Commissioner Marshall added that if the HRCC decides to stay with the Strong Mayor form of government, that maybe Parker should not do Home Rule and stay with General Law.

The Commission asked the current mayor and the two former mayors in the room their current preference on the form of government for Parker. Commissioner and Former Mayor Marshall stated various reasons as to why he currently leaned towards the Council-Manager form of government. Current Mayor Pettie stated various reasons why she leaned towards the current Strong Mayor – Council structure. Former Mayor Cordina was also in favor of the current Strong Mayor – Council structure and further stated that he currently leaned towards keeping the city under General Law. Several Commissioners stated that the city had benefited by strong, knowledgeable leaders in the mayoral position that had substantial experience within the city government and affairs prior to assuming their posts and also were team-based players, seeking assistance across their staff to run the city.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the members of the Commission should voice where they currently leaned regarding the Form of Government structure and forego any discussions with other surrounding cities regarding the process, issues and reasons behind decisions they had made in going Home Rule as well as their thoughts on their current structure. The commission discussed whether to continue down this path and it was decided 6-2 (Barron and Redmond opposed) that the commission should. Shelby then provided a list of questions assembled by former Chair Levine which were derived from questions Commissioners had sent to him which they felt would be pertinent to ask representatives of other Home Rule cities. Attorney Shelby indicated he would finish making a list of Home Rule cities similar in size to Parker and provide to the Commissioners by October 4th. He also stated that he would initiate an outreach to certain surrounding cities for the commission to talk to.

ROUTINE ITEMS

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion and/or appropriate action on questions submitted by Commission Members for use in interviews with selected cities regarding Form of Government
- Discussion and/or appropriate action on outreach to Home Rule Charter cities possibly inclusive of, but not limited to Lucas, Prosper & Sunnyvale (Shelby)
- Discussion and/or appropriate action on list of Home Rule Charter cities under 12k in population (Shelby)
- Discussion and/or appropriate action on selection of member(s) of the Commission to attend meeting(s) with Home Rule Charter cities.
- Discussion and/or appropriate action on estimated timeline to follow for targeted submittal to the Mayor and City Council of a draft Home Rule Charter by approximately June/July 2020.
- Discussion and/or appropriate action on future meeting date(s)
- Work Session

7. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Kercho adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes Approved on 22nd day of October, 2019.



Vice Chair Randy Kercho

Commission Secretary Billy Barron

Attest:

City Secretary Patti Scott Grey

Exhibit(s):

None