

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) MEET & GREET

APRIL 9, 2019

#### **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

The Parker City Council met in a special meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

Mayor Lee Pettle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Cindy Meyer, Cleburne Raney, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, and City Attorney Brandon Shelby

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- CITY ATTORNEY BRANDON SHELBY WILL DESCRIBE THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIME COMMITMENT.

City Attorney Shelby described the Home Rule Charter Commission's responsibilities and time commitment to the applicants, including "Dos and Don'ts". (See Exhibit 1 – National Civic League's "Guide for Charter Commission".) Mayor Pettle explained to the applicants after hearing Mr. Shelby's description any applicant who wished to withdraw his or her application could do so with the form provided. (See Exhibit 2 – HRCC Certificate of Withdrawal, dated April 9, 2019.)

Mayor Pettle asked the applicants present, James A. "Andy" Redmond, Joe Cordina, Billy Barron, Geetha Ram, David Gilmore, Randy Kercho, Steve Schoenekase, Terry M. Lynch, Scott Livesay, Z Marshall, Tom Macduff, Todd Fecht, Diana M. Abraham, and Connor Brooks, to introduce themselves to City Council, noting Homer Adams II, Michael Booth, Scott Douglas Levine, and Martha Wilson were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts.

- MEET & GREET – YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS.

There was a "Meet & Greet" session. City Council and HRCC Applicants visited with each other.

- APPLICANTS WILL BE DISMISSED (AND YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A WITHDRAWAL FORM, IF NEEDED).

Once the informal interviews were completed, the applicants were dismissed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ON OR ABOUT 7:30 P.M. UNTIL FINISHED – Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code the City Council may hold a closed meeting.**

**1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:**

Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m.

**3. ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE.**

MOTION: Councilmember Standridge moved to select a nine (9) member and three (3) alternate Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC), as follows:

1. Scott Douglas Levine,
2. Z Marshall,
3. James A. “Andy” Redmond,
4. Billy Barron,
5. David Gilmore,
6. Diana M. Abraham,
7. Tom Macduff,
8. Randy Kercho,
9. Homer Adams II,

Alternates:

1. Scott Livesay
2. Todd Fecht, and
3. Terry M. Lynch.

Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The City Staff will notify the applicants this week of the results of the selection process.

Mayor Pettle and City Council thanked the Parker residents who applied for the HRCC, noting the City was fortunate to have such outstanding residents volunteer to help with this task.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- Candidates Night – Monday, April 15, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 19, 2019, the City Secretary’s Office would be open from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., as required by Texas State Law.

- Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10am-2pm, Drug Take Back
- Saturday, May 4, 2019 – General Election (EV and ED Info)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 21	Apr 22 Early Voting 8am – 5pm	Apr 23 Early Voting 8am – 5pm	Apr 24 Early Voting 8am – 5pm	Apr 25 Early Voting 8am – 7pm	Apr 26 Early Voting 8am – 5pm	Apr 27 Early Voting 8am – 5pm
Apr 28	Apr 29 Early Voting 7am – 7pm	Apr 30 Early Voting 7am – 7pm	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4 Election Day 7am - 7pm

The City has five (5) candidates for three (3) at large Council positions: Ed Standidge, Cindy Meyer, Diana Abraham, Abraham George, and Stephanie Casson.

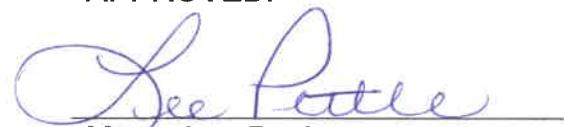
Mayor Lee Pettle announced the April 16, 2019 and May 7, 2019 City Council meetings were canceled. There would be a special City Council meeting May 14, 2019 for canvassing the election, oaths of office, and a short reception.

#### 4. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.



APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Lee Pettle

ATTESTED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 21st day  
of May, 2019.

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## **Dos and Don'ts for Commission Members<sup>i</sup>**

**DO be a team player.** You should be intent on making significant improvements. So, share your thoughts and ideas and respectfully listen to the comments of others. Be wholeheartedly engaged and committed to the process while respecting the time constraints imposed on the commission.

**DO be open to finding the form of government that best fits the preferences of local residents.** Each member should put any preconceived ideas aside in order to evaluate the options objectively based on the fundamental features of each and the experiences of other cities.

**DO be willing to compromise and change your mind in light of evidence.** Let go of the belief that if you lose, I win. That said, compromising does not mean giving up your good ideas and accepting inferior ones advocated by others. Taking the easy way is not the best way. Halfway measures have little usefulness or appeal. Statesmanlike compromise is a group process of give and take in which the most practical ideas rise to the top, are blended together, and made into a workable system. The end result may not please you in all respects, but it will represent legitimate consensus and, likely, substantial improvement.

**DO keep in mind that the voters are the final decision makers on whether to accept or reject the proposed changes.** Be willing to play a part in educating the electorate and publicizing the work of the commission. An informed citizenry will make the best decision on Election Day. So, welcome the involvement of many people in the discussion. Be sensitive and responsive to what you hear from them. Know that ongoing community support for the work of the commission keeps naysayers in check and ultimately leads to good results when the votes are counted.

**DO be cautious of making premature public statements on charter-related matters.**

**DON'T refuse to support a good idea for improvement to the charter because you feel it is not good enough.** The "perfectionist" - the person who insists on perfection or nothing - will likely be at best a distraction and at worst a serious roadblock impeding the important work at hand.

**DON'T use commission membership as a springboard for your future political career.** You were chosen to be involved to serve the citizens, not your ambitions. Any attempt to use your involvement as a stepping-stone toward a career in politics will not be lost on other members of the commission who will likely discount your opinions as political posturing. Commit to putting the public welfare ahead of your own career aspirations. Focus your attention on the work of the commission. If your work on the commission triggers in you a genuine desire to seek political office or if a citizen movement drafts you for office, so be it. In either case, you will get more respect as a political candidate when you make that decision made after your involvement on the commission rather than before.

**DON'T try to solve all the ills that might plague the local government by pushing for overly restrictive prohibitions in the charter.** Power is always subject to possible abuse in the hands of the wrong people. The challenge is to establish a system that will enable local residents to hold their public officials responsible for the way they use power. There is no gain in setting up a new government and then hamstringing it by denying it the flexibility and power essential to any effective government.

**DON'T allow the commission to surrender sound principles of good government to the stubborn opposition.**

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<sup>i</sup> From the National Civic League's "Guide for Charter Commissions"

## **WITHDRAWAL OF HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC):**

Procedure for withdrawal. A filed applicant may withdraw from HRCC selection process by filing a withdrawal request with the city secretary. A withdrawal request that is not filed in compliance with these requirements is not considered filed. A request may be filed by personal delivery, mail, or any other method of transmission. A request filed by mail is considered filed at the time of its receipt. The city secretary should attach the withdrawal request to the individual's application and preserve it for one (1) year.

**Name of Form:**

**Certificate of Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) Withdrawal**

**Purpose:**

**To have name removed from HRCC selection process**

**Number of Copies Required:**

**One**

**Completed by:**

**Applicant**

**Filing Deadline:**

**April 9, 2019**

**Filed with:**

**City Secretary**

**CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an applicant for Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) of Parker, Texas, hereby withdraw my application from the HRCC selection process to be held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

**CONSTANCIA DE RETIRO**

Yo, \_\_\_\_\_, un solicitante para la Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) de Parker, Texas, por este medio retire mi solicitud del proceso de selección de HRCC que se realizará el \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Firma del solicitante**

**"El estado de \_\_\_\_\_, "Condado de \_\_\_\_\_,**

**"El presente instrumento fue reconocido ante mí el \_\_\_\_\_**