



AGENDA

HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given the Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) for the City of Parker will meet in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America; and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2019. [BARRON]
2. DISCUSS FUTURE 2020 MEETING DATES/TIMES. [MACDUFF/SHELBY]
3. WORK SESSION [MACDUFF/SHELBY]
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING FORM OF GOVERNMENT
 - DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR SELECTED HOME RULE CITIES

ROUTINE ITEMS

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
5. ADJOURN

In addition to any specifically identified Executive Sessions, Council may convene into Executive Session at any point during the open meeting to discuss any item posted on this Agenda. The Open Meetings Act

provides specific exceptions that require that a meeting be open. Should Council elect to convene into Executive Session, those exceptions will be specifically identified and announced. Any subsequent action, as a result of this Executive Session, will be taken and recorded in open session.

I certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on or before November 8, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. at the Parker City Hall, and as a courtesy, this Agenda is also posted to the City of Parker Website at www.parkertexas.us.

Date Notice Removed

Patti Scott Grey
City Secretary

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Council Agenda Item

Item 1
C'Sec Use Only

Budget Account Code:	Meeting Date: November 12, 2019
Budgeted Amount:	Requestor: HRCC
Fund Balance-before expenditure:	Prepared by: HRCC Secretary Barron
Estimated Cost:	Date Prepared: November 4, 2019
Exhibits:	Proposed Minutes

AGENDA SUBJECT

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2019. [BARRON]

SUMMARY

Please review the attached minutes. If you have any questions, comments, and/or corrections, please contact the City Secretary at PGrey@parkertexas.us prior to the Home Rule Charter Commission meeting.

POSSIBLE ACTION

HRCC may direct staff to take appropriate action.

Inter – Office Use			
Approved by:			
HRCC Secretary:	<i>Billy Barron</i>	Date:	11/07/2019
City Attorney:		Date:	
HRCC CHAIR	<i>Tom Macduff</i>	Date:	11/08/2019

MINUTES

HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) MEETING

October 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) met on the above date. Chair Macduff called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and noted there was a quorum. Alternate Terry Lynch stepped in to replace Commissioner Fecht 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
- ✓ 5. Tom Macduff (Chair)
- ✓ 6. Randy Kercho
- ✓ 7. Homer Adams II
- X 8. Todd Fecht

HRCC Alternates

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

Staff/Others Present:

- X City Attorney Brandon S. Shelby
- X City Administrator Luke B. Olson
- X ACA/CS Patti Scott Grey
- ✓ Police Chief Richard Brooks

- ✓ Mayor Lee Pettle
- ✓ Fire Chief Sheff
- ✓ Councilmember Cindy Meyer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Scott Livesay led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: David Gilmore led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2019. [BARRON]

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

2. DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES [MACDUFF/SHELBY]

Chair Macduff pointed out that when Murphy was writing their charter, they meet weekly. He indicated that he thought we should have meetings both in November and December.

MOTION: Secretary Barron made a motion to have the next meeting on November 12th at 7PM. Commissioner Lynch seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Commissioner Livesay made a motion that there should be a meeting on December 10th at 7PM. Vice Chair Kercho seconds. Vote was 7-1 (Commissioner Marshall opposed due to a scheduling conflict).

3. WORK SESSION. [MACDUFF/SHELBY]

Chair Macduff passed out index cards and asked the commissioners to write down whether they preferred Home Rule or General Law and Mayor-Council or Council-Manager form of government. He stated his concerns. The first was that an elected Mayor may not be a capable manager. All the surrounding cities are Council-Manager. A cost benefit may be in favor of an unpaid Mayor/Council with a paid manager. A manager may not have to take a lot of political heat if he forces ordinances. The Commission could tailor our charter for our needs instead of the generality of a General Law city. The final concern was if in the future Parker would continue to be able to be funded purely as a residential only city.

Chair Macduff took up the cards. Home Rule was specified by all but one. The form of government was evenly split among the Commissioners. Chair Macduff is in favor of Council-Manager as it would take responsibility off the elected officials.

Commissioner Gilmore said that that Referendum, Recall and Initiative are a big plus for the voters. He also said that the Katy Texas charter had a lot of added controls like term limits and spending limits. He likes the idea of more than one person being involved in decisions. His experience is that whenever one person who has too much power there is a high chance of it going awry.

Commissioner Adams does not want a situation like California where there is too much Recall and Initiative. He wants the process to be slow instead of the voters snapping their fingers and instantly making major changes.

Commissioner Lynch asked whether General Law can put controls into place like Term Limits, Spending Controls, etc. Since City Attorney Shelby was not present, this was not answered.

Commissioner Redmond said that annexation is little different between General Law and Home Rule so that shouldn't be a deciding factor.

Commissioner Livesay brought up the issue of whether voting should be at large or by district for Council. It is not necessarily an either-or situation. Some could be at large and others by district. Secretary Barron said that he is concerned that the process of dividing the city into districts could tear the city apart and do more harm than good. Commissioner Gilmore said that maybe we could have a rule that only allows a maximum of 2 Council members from the same area.

Commissioner Gilmore stated that he would like to see firing of staff to involve the city administrator, mayor, council and city attorney.

Commissioner Adams stated that it thought the Council could get rid of a bad manager quicker than you could recall a bad Mayor. Chair Macduff said that you would have more checks and balances with a broad Council than a Strong Mayor controlling the administrator.

Commissioner Marshall said if the city is depending on unpaid elected officials then it will be filled largely by retired and older citizens who have time.

Commissioner Livesay said the commission is having a hard time defining the problem it is solving. The issue may not be here today. The commission is trying to solve what hasn't happened yet and it is hard to frame a solution for that. He generally favors running things like a business over like a government so is in favor of the Council-Manager form. A small company does not work that way though. He is trying to decide when it is the time for Parker to make that switch.

Chair Macduff said the preference seems to be for Home Rule and internal controls like General Law. Vice Chair Kercho said that if he is hearing people right nobody hates either form of government if the appropriate controls are in place.

ROUTINE ITEMS

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Not discussed

5. ADJOURN

Chair Macduff adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes Approved on 12th day of November, 2019.

Chairperson Tom Macduff

Commission Secretary Billy Barron

Attest:

City Secretary Patti Scott Grey

Exhibit(s):
None

Proposed