

MINUTES

HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 6:00PM
City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call to order.

Chairwoman Michele Mechler called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

George Adams, Diana Alvarez, Jim Danner, Mercy Hernandez, David Hook, Glenn Klaus, Rose Mary Mares, Michele Mechler, Shannon Windrow

**Absent: Tara Mumme DeLeon, Ernest Garza, Joel Gonzales, Lindsey Muennink
Brad Price, Lee Taylor**

Staff Present: City Attorney Mike McCann and City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus

3. Citizens'/Public Comments

Persons who desire to address the City of Hondo Home Rule Charter Review Commission will be received at this time. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Hondo Home Rule Charter Review Commission cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the meeting agenda.

No Citizens'/Public comments

4. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the Home Rule Charter Review Commission meeting minutes of January 28, 2025 meeting.

David Hook moved to approve the January 28, 2025 Home Rule Charter Review Commission meeting minutes; seconded by Jim Danner. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Review, deliberate and take appropriate action on recommendations to City Council on amendments to Articles and Sections within the City Of Hondo Home Rule Charter beginning with Article 1 and proceeding with each article numerically thereafter.

Review from January 28, 2025 Meeting

- **Nepotism:** The policy will align with State law.
- **Annexation:** As permitted by State law.
- **Term Limits:** Can be established by this board and will be addressed when the relevant article is reviewed.

New Discussions

Article 1 – Form of Government and Boundaries

- No changes recommended.

Article 2 – Powers of the City

- No changes recommended.

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Article 3 – City Council

- **Section 3.01(3):** The City Attorney is reviewing whether the expansion of the Council is required due to population size and how the prison population factors into the overall count.
- **Section 3.03 – Compensation:**
 - Mr. Danner requested City Council & Mayor compensation be revisited.
 - Ms. Mares suggested conducting a survey of surrounding municipalities for comparison, with the City Secretary responsible for carrying out survey.
- **Section 3.04(2):** The City Attorney is reviewing compliance with State law, particularly regarding the Mayor's role as a non-voting member.
- **Section 3.05(5):** The City Attorney is verifying if the last sentence remains valid under current State law. Sentence reads: The provisions of this paragraph shall also apply to filling a vacancy in the Mayor's position in the event State law or this Charter do not otherwise provide a procedure for filling the Mayor's position.
- **Section 3.06:**
 - There was discussion on whether the Police Chief should report to the City Council instead of the City Manager.
 - The City Attorney will review State law on this matter and provide a summary at March 19, 2025 Meeting.

- **Section 3.12:**

Glenn Klaus moved to strike out City Council shall adopt Rules of Procedure consistent with this Charter; seconded by Rose Mary Mares. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on creating subcommittees.

Rose Mary Mares moved to not create subcommittees; seconded by Shannon Windrow. Motion passes unanimously

7. Discuss items for next meeting agenda.

Review the topics discussed, obtain the necessary information from the City Attorney, and then proceed with the review of Sections 4 through 7.

8. Adjourn.

Rose Mary Mares moved to adjourn; seconded by Shannon Windrow. Motion passes unanimously.

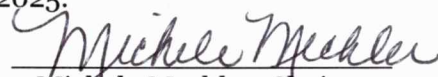
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary


Michele Mechler, Chair