

MINUTES
HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 6:00PM
City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call to order.

City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

George Adams, Diana Alvarez, Tara Mumme DeLeon, Joel Gonzales, Mercy Hernandez, Glenn Klaus, Rose Mary Mares, Lindsey Muennink, Lee Taylor, Shannon Windrow

Absent: Jim Danner, Ernest Garza, David Hook, Michele Mechler, Brad Price

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 February 19, 2025 meeting.

Tara Mumme DeLeon moved to approve the February 19, 2025 Home Rule Charter Review Commission meeting minutes; seconded by Shannon Windrow. 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 February 19, 2025 Meeting

- **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. **Per Mr. McCann there is no State Law governing this so this is a change that can be done if desired.**

George Adams moved to remove paragraph 3 in Section 3.01 to include all corresponding changes for increase to Council in Charter; seconded by Lee Taylor. Motion fails with a vote of 2-8.

- **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. **Ms. Dolphus handed out survey that was conducted.**

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- **Section 3.04(2):** The City Attorney is reviewing compliance with State law, particularly regarding the Mayor's role as a non-voting member. **Per Mr. McCann this is governed through Charter, no State Law.**
- **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. **Per Mr. McCann this is good to go with State Law**
- **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. **City of Hondo has an Ordinance that governs this and don't see a legal change necessary.**

New Discussions

Article 4 – City Administration

- **Section 4.01 City Manager**
George Adams moved to delete 4.01 (5) (B); Motion fails for lack of second.
- **Sections 4.02 – 4.07**
No changes recommended.

Article 5 – Nominations and Elections

- **Section 5.01 City Elections**
No changes recommended.
- **Section 5.02 Filing for Office**
The City Attorney is reviewing this section in Election Code and getting back to Commission in reference to Primary Residence. He is also reviewing 2(G) as to why it is here.
- **Sections 5.03 – 5.06**
No changes recommended.

Article 6 – Initiative, Referendum, and Recall

- **Section 6.01 Power of Initiative**
Rose Mary Mares moved to strike out the word appropriation (2) and replace with appropriating; seconded by Lindsey Muennink, Motion passes unanimously.

- **Sections 6.02 – 6.09**
No changes recommended.
- **Section 6.10 Results of Recall Election**
The City Attorney asked to review as to why there is a time of 2 years and 30 days.
- **Sections 6.11 – 6.12**
No changes recommended.

Article 7 – Financial Procedures

- **Sections 7.01 – 7.04**
No changes recommended.

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- **Section 7.05 Public Hearing**

George Adams moved to hold the Budget Public Hearing at the City Council meeting before the meeting to adopt budget; seconded by Tara Mumme DeLeon. Motion passes 9-1.

- **Sections 7.06 – 7.17**
No changes recommended.

- **Section 7.18 Independent Audits**

George Adams moved to add a requirement to place audit on City website; seconded by Lee Taylor. Motion fails 2-8

- **Sections 7.19 – 7.20**
No changes recommended.

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 8 through 11.

8. Adjourn.

Rose Mary Mares moved to adjourn; seconded by Joel Gonzales. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary



ABSENT

Michele Mechler, Chair