

MINUTES
HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 6:00PM
City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call to order.

Chairwoman Michele Mechler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Diana Alvarez, Jim Danner, Tara Mumme DeLeon, Ernest Garza, Joel Gonzales, Mercy Hernandez, David Hook, Glenn Klaus, Rose Mary Mares (left at 6:30 p.m.), Michele Mechler, Lindsey Muennink, Shannon Windrow

Absent: George Adams, 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 April 9, 2025 meeting.

David Hook moved to approve the April 9, 2025 Home Rule Charter Review Commission meeting minutes; seconded by Joel Gonzales. 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 April 9, 2025 Meeting
Article 8 – Boards and Commissions

- **Section 8.01(2)**

The City Attorney will look into the State law on allowing members from outside city on Boards and Commissions. **City Attorney Mike McCann stated that he would not recommend it at this time and had not researched the legalities. We will revisit the item at the next meeting and clarify the language, as the current wording is unclear.**

Article 9 – Planning & Zoning Commission

- **Section 9.04 – The Comprehensive Master Plan: Procedure and Legal Effect**
City Secretary come back with information on where the Comprehensive Master Plan is now and timeline on how addressed. **City Secretary, Rebekah Dolphus, brought back time table from Uche Echeozo, Development Services Manager, on Envision 2040.**

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Tara Mumme DeLeon moved to add a 5-year time table on reviewing The Comprehensive Master Plan; seconded by Jim Danner. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 11 – General Provisions

- **Section 11.01 – Severability**

Have attorney clean up language in this section and bring back to the next meeting. **No cleanup is needed per the attorney.**

- **Section 11.04 – Charter Review Commission**

Have attorney clean up language in this section and bring back to the next meeting. **No motion was made to amend the language, there was discussion about removing the two-year provision.**

New Discussions

Article 12 – Legal Provisions

- **Section 12.01 – Annexation- Extensions of Boundaries.**

No changes recommended.

- **Section 12.02 – Disannexation**

Michele Mechler moved to add a sentence that makes this consistent with State Law; seconded by Tara Mumme DeLeon. Motion passes unanimously.

- **Section 12.03 – 12.14**

No changes recommended.

Article 13 – Transitional Provisions

- **Section 13.01 – 13.04**

No changes recommended.

Michele Mechler moved to remove Article 13; seconded by Glenn Klaus. Motion fails with a vote of 2-10.

Article 14 – Code of Ethics and Nepotism

- **Section 14.01 – Code of Ethics.**

No changes recommended.

- **Section 14.02 – Nepotism**

Tara Mumme DeLeon moved to remove 2nd paragraph of this section beginning with “in addition”; Amended to remove 2nd paragraph but leave last sentence beginning with “Nothing in this section shall”; seconded by Michele Mechler. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Discuss items for next meeting agenda.

Review discussed topics, confirm legal guidance with City Attorney, and finalize revised document for potential recommendation to City Council.

7. Adjourn.

Joel Gonzales moved to adjourn; seconded by Tara Mumme DeLeon. Motion passes unanimously.

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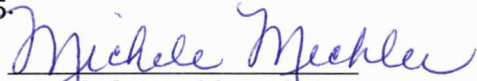
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Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2025.


Michele Mechler, Chair

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary

