



MINUTES OF THE MEADOWS PLACE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE MEADOWS PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER, 11975 DORRANCE LANE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477.

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Ben Weber, Chair
Stuart Barrowman, Commissioner
Jimmy Fenwick, Commissioner
Tristan Ibarra, Commissioner
Matt Oltremari, Commissioner
Nadya Shelton, Commissioner
Alison Young, Commissioner

Ken Smith, Vice Chair
Joe DeBruyn, Commissioner
Chris Gawlik, Commissioner
Anita Milne, Commissioner
Richard Ramirez, Commissioner
Sammy Skemp, Commissioner
Joseph Weymon, Alternate

Commissioner, David Lantz was not present.

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV, Grady Randle, City Attorney, Carl Allred, City Attorney, Nick Haby, City Administrator; and Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary were also present.

2. Discussion regarding the Resolution No. 2020-45 approved by Meadows Place City Council on November 17, 2020 declaring the number of its inhabitants.

Mayor Jessup attended the meeting to discuss Council passing Resolution No. 2020-45 at the December 15, 2020 City Council meeting. He explained to the Commission that it was Council's responsibility to declare the population. He explained that he did look at few factors to determine a population of 5,000 or more. One of the calculations used was taking the 2010 CENSUS. According to the CENSUS 80% of Meadows Place responded. He calculated the 20% that did respond making the population over 5,000.

Chairman Weber asked for documents detailing his research and Mayor Jessup stated that he does not have any documents to provide. He reminded the Commission that it is the responsibility of City Council to determine the number of inhabitants which they did in Resolution No. 2020-45.

He thanked the Commissioners for working on the Meadows Place Home Rule Charter and left the meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter survey questions 1 – 31

City Attorney, Grady Randle, began to review the Charter Survey questions with the Commission to start creating a Home Rule Charter for the City of Meadows Place. There was brief discussion among the Commission, legal counsel, and staff on each question.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Question 1 – Form of Government

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve a Council-Manager form of government. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Weber, Weymon, Young

Nays: None

Commissioner Lantz was not present.

The motion passed.

MAYOR

Question 2 – Is the Mayor a member of the governmental body?

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Mayor as a member of the governmental body. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Weber, Weymon, Young

Nays: None

Commissioner Lantz was not present.

The motion passed.

Question 3 – Selection of the Mayor?

Commissioner Fenwick made a motion to approve that the selection of the Mayor to be elected by the voters. Commissioner Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Weber, Weymon, Young

Nays: None

Commissioner Lantz was not present.

The motion passed.

AUTHORITY OF MAYOR

Question 4 – Appoints Boards and Commissions?

Question 5 – with approval of Council?

Questions 4 and 5 were discussed together.

Commissioner Bezner made a motion that the Governmental Body, Mayor and Council, appoint members to the Boards and Commission with approval by City Council. Commissioner Barrowman seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Lantz, Milne, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Weber, Young

Nays: Commissioners Oltremari, Ramirez, and Weymon

Commissioner Lantz was not present.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Governmental Body, Mayor and Council, vote to remove members from the Boards and Commissions. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Gawlik, Ibarra, Milne, Oltremari, Ramirez, Shelton, Skemp, Smith, Weber, Weymon, Young

Nays: None

Commissioner Lantz was not present.

The motion passed.

The Commission agreed to discuss the remaining questions at the Commission's next meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the initial organization of this Charter Commission and form of government.

No action.

5. Set next meeting date.

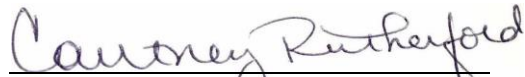
The Commission agreed to meet next week for a presentation by James Thurmond regarding Home Rule cities. City Administrator, Nick Haby, will contact Mr. Thurmond and schedule the meeting. The Commission will be notified of the date.

6. Adjourn

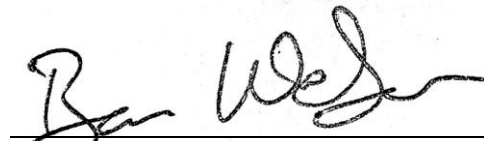
There being no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Commission on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Ben Weber, Chairman