



MINUTES OF THE MEADOWS PLACE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M., VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.

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	Ken Smith, Vice Chair
Stuart Barrowman, Commissioner	Joe DeBruyn, Commissioner
Jimmy Fenwick, Commissioner	Chris Gawlik, Commissioner
David Lantz Commissioner	Anita Milne, Commissioner
Matt Oltremari, Commissioner	Richard Ramirez, Commissioner
Sammy Skemp, Commissioner	Alison Young, Commissioner
Joseph Weymon, Alternate	

Commissioners, Tristan Ibarra and Nadya Shelton, were 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. Presentation by Dr. James Thurmond regarding Home Rule Charter.

Mayor Jessup attended to thank Dr. Thurmond for meeting with the Commission.

City Administrator, Nick Haby, introduced Dr. James Thurmond, and gave a brief background on Dr. Thurmond. Dr. Thurmond has a PhD from the University of Houston in public administration.

Dr. Thurmond gave a brief presentation on the history of Home Rule Charters and cities. He explained the difference between a general law city and a home rule city and gave a breakdown of the different types of government in Texas.

There was brief discussion between Dr. Thurmond and the Commission.

3. Consider approval of the minutes for the meetings held on December 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021.

Commissioner Weymon moved to approve the minutes for the meetings held on December 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021. Commissioner Barrowman seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

4. Discussion and consideration regarding a public relations plan to inform the residents of the Home Rule Charter process.

There was brief discussion among the Commission regarding transparency and how to keep the public informed regarding the process of building a Home Rule Charter.

There was discussion regarding monthly progress updates in the City newsletter, website, and Facebook.

The Commission then discussed creating a Public Relations Sub-Committee.

Commissioner Fenwick moved to create a Public Relations Sub-Committee. Commissioner Oltremari seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed

Commissioner Bezner moved to appoint Commissioners, Alison Young, Ken Smith, David Lantz, and Ben Weber to the Public Relations Sub-Committee. Commissioner Fenwick seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

5. Discussion and consideration regarding the decision to continue creating a Home Rule Charter for the City of Meadows of Place.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a Charter survey questions 6 – 31.

City Attorney, Grady Randle, continued 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 of the following questions.

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Questions 6 through 8 were discussed together.

Question 6 – Regular vote?

Question 7 – Vote only in a tie?

Question 8 – No Vote?

Commissioner Young made a motion that the Mayor will have a regular vote. Commissioner Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Barrowman, Bezner, DeBruyn, Fenwick, Lantz, Milne, Oltremari, Skemp, Smith, Weber, Weymon, Young

Nays: Commissioners Gawlik and Ramirez

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 9 – Enumerated ceremonial duties?

Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Mayor will not enumerate ceremonial duties. Commissioner Gawlik seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

Questions 10 and 11 were discussed together.

Question 10 – Martial Law?

Question 11 – Enumerated emergency powers?

Commissioner Skemp made a motion that the Mayor shall initiate Martial Law in accordance with the state law. Commissioner Barrowman seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 12 – Appoint CAO?

No action was taken on this question.

Question 13 – Appoint department heads?

Chairman Weber made a motion that the Mayor does not appoint department heads. Commissioner Skemp seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 14 – Appoint department heads with Council approval?

No action on this question.

Question 15 – Prepare the budget?

Chairman Weber made a motion that the Mayor does not prepare the budget. Commissioner Skemp seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

Question 16 – Mayor veto?

Chairman Weber made a motion that the Mayor will not have veto authority. Commissioner Skemp seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioners Ibarra and Shelton were not present.

The motion passed.

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

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

No action was taken.

8. Set next meeting date.

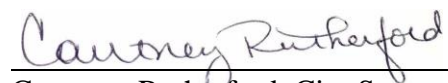
The Commission agreed to meet on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

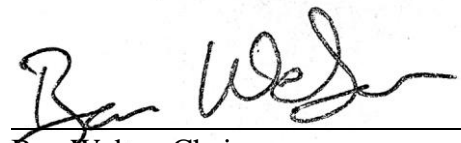
Chairman Weber moved to adjourn. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. There be no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Commission on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Ben Weber, Chairman