MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE 
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE 
CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Members Present: 
Kama Davis
Paul Mayhew, Chair
Amy Meeks
Perry Moore
Todd Salmi
Shane Scott

Members Absent: 
Daniel Guerrero

City Attorney: 
Michael Cosentino

Recording Secretary: 
Tina Moreno

Others Present: 
Tom Wassenich

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Mayhew.

Chair Mayhew introduced the Citizen Comment Period. Mr. Tom Wassenich was present. However, he elected to not sign in to speak during the Citizen Comment Period.

Chair Mayhew introduced the next agenda item, “Discuss and review the usage of the terms: “city” and “municipal” as used in San Marcos’ City Charter. Ms. Moreno identified the terms: “city” and “municipal,” in highlighted-colors throughout the entire charter, as requested, and found no other instances where “municipal government” needed to be changed or addressed.

Chair Mayhew introduced the next agenda item, “Begin section by section review of City Charter, including but not limited to Article 3 – The City Council.” After reviewing Sec. 3.01. - Number, selection, and term, a motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Moore, to change the term for Mayor from a 2-year term to a 4-year term. The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 2 - Moore and Scott
Against: 4 - Davis, Mayhew, Meeks, and Salmi
Absent: 1 - Guerrero
Abstain: 0

A second motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Scott, to not change to single-member districts. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Davis, Mayhew, Meeks, Moore, Salmi, and Scott
Against: 0
Absent: 1 - Guerrero
Abstain: 0

After reviewing Sec. 3.02. - Qualifications, a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Meeks, that the following amendment be made to item (a)(6): “Shall remain current on all financial obligations to the city relating to the duties of the council member.” The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Mayhew, Meeks, Moore, and Scott
Against: 2 - Davis and Salmi
Absent: 1 - Guerrero
Abstain: 0

Chair Mayhew introduced the next agenda item, “Questions and Answers from Press and Public.” Mr. Wassench addressed the Commission on what where the requests from the city council for the commission to review in the charter. Mr. Cosentino provided Mr. Wassench a copy of the entire list. Mr. Wassench then inquired on whether disclosure of ongoing purchases of property while on council would be addressed by the Commission. Mr. Cosentino responded that the item has been addressed by the Ethics Review Commission and they will be making a proposal to the city council (possibly the second council meeting in March 2017). The proposal would be to amend the financial disclosure form to have the mayor and city council be required to report new interest in real estate within 30 days of purchase. Mr. Wassench stated that was good but then inquired on whether this item would also be incorporated into the city charter. Mr. Cosentino responded that it could be.

Chair Mayhew adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.