I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the regular meeting of the Charter Review Commission was called to order by Chair Thomaides at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021.

II. Roll Call

Present:  6 - Chair Thomaides, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Mayhew, Commissioner Sambrano, Commissioner Sparks, and Commissioner Taylor

Absent:  1 - Commissioner Kelsey

Others Present:  1 - Lisa Marie Coppoletta

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period

Lisa Marie Coppoletta stated she gave each member of this Commission a shout out at the City Council meeting. She also reiterated concerns already made at previous Charter meetings: every City speaking engagement should include “questions and answers from press and public,” all board members should be visible during virtual meetings instead of projecting the meeting agenda, all virtual meetings should be uploaded immediately, all attendees (of a virtual meeting) should be allowed to remain in the main session and not be placed in a separate room, and there should be a provision to keep the city manager from placing items on an agenda related to his housing.

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the February 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayhew, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:  5 - Chair Thomaides, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Mayhew, Commissioner Sambrano, and Commissioner Sparks

Against:  0

Abstain:  1 - Commissioner Taylor

Absent:  1 - Commissioner Kelsey

2. Review, discuss, and take action, as appropriate, on amending Sec. 1.03 – Statement of goals, under Article I – Form of Government and Boundaries.
There was a consensus to postpone this agenda item to the March 8th Charter meeting.

3. Continue section by section review of San Marcos’ City Charter, including but not limited to Article V – Nominations and Elections, Article VI – Initiative, Referendum, and Recall, and Article VII – Municipal Planning and Zoning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayhew, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to not amend Sec. 7.01 – Planning and zoning commission by adding business partner language since it is included in subsection (b) of Sec. 12.03 – Nepotism and conflict of interest. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Chair Thomaides, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Mayhew, Commissioner Sparks, and Commissioner Taylor
Against: 1 - Commissioner Sambrano
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kelsey

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Mayhew, to not add a prohibition against having more than one real estate professional in Sec. 7.01 – Planning and zoning commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Chair Thomaides, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Mayhew, Commissioner Sparks, and Commissioner Taylor
Against: 1 - Commissioner Sambrano
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kelsey

A motion was made by Commissioner Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Mayhew, to amend Sec. 7.01 – Planning and zoning commission, subsection (d) by striking the words “seek to” in the first sentence. The amendment would read as follows: “In making appointments to the commission, council shall seek to ensure broad citizen representation which includes geographic, professional, gender, racial, and viewpoint diversity.” The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 0
Against: 6 - Chair Thomaides, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Mayhew, Commissioner Sambrano, Commissioner Sparks and Commissioner Taylor
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kelsey

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayhew, seconded by Chair Thomaides, to amend item (1) of Sec. 7.04 – Organization. The amendment would read as follows: “(1) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership, however, any motion of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall require at least five votes in the affirmative to be adopted.” The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Chair Thomaides, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Sambrano, Commissioner Sparks, and Commissioner Taylor
Against: 1 - Commissioner Sambrano
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kelsey

IV. Discussion and Recommendations for Future Agenda Items.

March 8, 2021:

- review, discuss, and take action, as appropriate on Sec. 1.03 – Statement of goals, under Article I – Form of Government and Boundaries

- continue section by section review of San Marcos’ City Charter including, but not limited to Article VIII – Financial Procedure, Article IX – Borrowing for Capital Improvements, and Article X – Tax Administration

V. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

None were present for questions and answers from press and public.

VI. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of the Charter Review Commission meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Michael Cosentino, Staff Liaison

John Thomaides, Chair