

**MINUTES, DECEMBER 19, 2016; 2:00 PM**  
**CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION**  
**7286 Dietz Elkhorn**  
**Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Attendees: D. Deleranko, T. Jaster G. Maxton, J. McConnell, J. Merritt, R. Nichols, D. Pearson, B. Regan, and B. Sparks.

Absent: C. Fothergill and F. Trapasso.

With a quorum present, President Nichols opened the meeting at 2:01 PM.

**II. CITIZENS/GUEST FORUM PRESENTATIONS**

S. Hartpence, citizen, spoke in favor of the City Secretary position being hired and fired by the City Manager versus the City Council. (Attachment A). He also expressed his thoughts on the personnel termination authority of the City Manager. (Attachment A). These items generated a great deal of discussion and it was decided by Commission consensus that they should be brought back again for further discussion and possible action at the January 16, 2017 meeting.

**III. CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Review and discuss Final Draft Charter.**

1. D. Pearson proposed that a Charter Review Commission be added to the Charter and submitted the San Marcos Charter language for discussion. (Attachment B).

MOTION: Made by D. Pearson and seconded by J. McConnell to include a Citizens Charter Review Commission to the Home Rule Charter.

VOTE: 7-2, Motion Fails (T. Jaster and B. Regan dissenting).

DISCUSSION: The Commission agreed that a Citizens Charter Review Commission had merit, but decided by consensus that this item should be brought back again for further discussion and possible action at the January 16, 2017 meeting.

2. To be able to move forward with the process of preparing the Charter for the public, the Commission discussed accepting the Charter as written and addressing outstanding items at the January 16, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: Made by J. Merritt and seconded by D. Pearson to approve the Charter as written contingent upon anything they want to review.

VOTE: 8-1, Motion Passed (D. Deleranko abstaining).

**2. Consideration and possible action on appointing appropriate sub-committees including but not limited to: a Communication Committee and Town Hall Planning Committee.**

City Attorney Zech will prepare a power point presentation for the Town Hall meeting which will discuss the Charter provisions and will highlight differences between our current form of government and of the proposed Home Rule form of government which includes: initiative, referendum, recall, term limits, and a voting Mayor. T. Jaster, B. Regan, and G. Maxton will prepare a Q&A document to facilitate answering questions at

the Town Hall and future meetings. The power point presentation and Q&A paper will be reviewed and discussed at the January 3, 2017 meeting.

**3. Discussion and possible action on future Commission Meeting dates.**

**The following meeting dates and times have been scheduled:**

January 9, 2017	Final Preparation for Town Hall Meeting (if necessary)	2:00 PM
January 12, 2017	Town Hall Meeting	6:30 PM
January 16, 2017	Incorporate Town Hall Comments (as determined necessary)	2:00 PM
January 23, 2017	Final Vote on Final Proposed Charter	2:00 PM

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

President Nichols adjourned the meeting at 3:47 PM.

  
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Frank Trapasso, Commission Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Christina Picioccio, City Secretary