



**CITY OF FORT STOCKTON CHARTER COMMISSION
REGULAR CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

**MEETING LOCATION:
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
121 WEST SECOND STREET
FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS 79735**

PRESENT: Gil Rey Madrid, Vanessa Cardwell, Joe Chris Alexander, Jerome Chavez, Keven DeHaven, JB Gallegos, Joe Hernandez, Sylvia Hernandez, Jim Miles, Ember Renteria, Ken Ripley, Anthony Urias, Ethny Valenzuela, Terry Whigham

Louann Tovar arrived at 5:36 p.m.

ABSENT: JB Gallegos, Jim Ivy

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Zech, James Warnock, Frank Rodriguez, Marina Cantu, Sheila Lehnert

Chairman Gil Rey Madrid called the Regular City of Fort Stockton Charter Commission Meeting to Order after declaring a quorum present, at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles gave the Invocation.

PLEDGES:

- ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLAG
- ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Commissioner Anthony Urias led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act upon the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fort Stockton Charter Commission, 03/09/2022.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Whigham, seconded by Commissioner Ken Ripley, and carried unanimously to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fort Stockton Charter Commission for March 9, 2022, as presented.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2. Discuss/Act upon the first draft of the proposed City Charter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Ripley and seconded by Commissioner Kevin DeHaven to Eliminate Section 3.04 COMPENSATION. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted 10-4 against; motion failed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ember Renteria and seconded by Commissioner Sylvia Hernandez to Postpone Section 3.04 COMPENSATION. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted 10-4 against; motion failed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Ripley and seconded by Commissioner Joe Hernandez to accept Section 3.04 COMPENSATION, as presented. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted 12-2 for; motion passed.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. Discuss/Act upon Previously Proposed Charter.

SECTION 3.07 POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Kevin DeHaven, seconded by Commissioner Terry Whigham, and carried unanimously to remove everything in SECTION 3.07 POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, after the sentence ending in the State of Texas, located in the first paragraph, line 4.

SECTION 3.08 PROHIBITIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ethny Valenzuela, and carried unanimously to approve SECTION 3.08 PROHIBITIONS, as presented.

SECTION 3.09 MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Whigham, seconded by Commissioner Ken Ripley, and carried unanimously to accept Paragraph A., as presented and strike out Paragraph B and Paragraph C of SECTION 3.09 MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

SECTION 3.10 QUORUM

Motion was made by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ember Renteria and carried unanimously to accept SECTION 3.10 QUORUM, as presented.

SECTION 3.11 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to delete SECTION 3.11 CONFLICT OF INTEREST, as presented.

SECTION 3.12 ABSTENTION & SECTION 3.13 RULES OF PROCEDURE

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Ripley, seconded by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, and carried unanimously to accept SECTION 3.12 ABSTENTION and SECTION 3.13 RULES OF PROCEDURE, as amended to read All Members of City Council shall vote on all matters before

the City Council unless state law requires them to abstain to include City Council will adopt rules of procedure.

SECTION 3.14 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES IN GENERAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Ripley, seconded by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles and carried unanimously to accept SECTION 3.14 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES IN GENERAL to remove the rest of Paragraph A. after the sentence ending in addressed in the ordinance, located in line 5, as amended, and to keep Paragraph B and Paragraph C.

SECTION 3.15 EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to delete SECTION 3.15 EMERGENCY ORDINANCES, as amended.

SECTION 3.16 AUTHENTICATION, RECORDING, CODIFICATION, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, seconded by Commissioner LouAnn Tovar, and carried unanimously to accept Paragraph A and Paragraph B and to delete Paragraph C, as amended.

SECTION 3.17 INVESTIGATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ember Renteria and carried unanimously to accept SECTION 3.17 INVESTIGATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL, as presented, amending Paragraph A. to read Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.17(b) of this charter, the City Council may initiate investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any city department, office or agency and for this purpose. They also may by ordinance provide for a misdemeanor offense for the conduct of a person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order issued in the exercise of this power as a collective body.

SECTION 3.18 BOND

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to delete SECTION 3.18 BOND, as presented.

Chairman Gil Rey Madrid recessed the Regular City of Fort Stockton Charter Commission Meeting for a brief break at 7:07 p.m.

Chairman Gil Rey Madrid reconvened into the Regular City of Fort Stockton Charter Commission Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

ARTICLE IV THE CITY MANAGER

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed that ARTICLE IV THE CITY MANAGER should be retitled as ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, as it pertains to more than just the City Manager.

SECTION 4.01 CITY MANAGER

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Ripley, seconded by Commissioner Ember Renteria and carried unanimously to accept SECTION 4.01 CITY MANAGER, as amended, Paragraph D. to read The City Manager may be removed or suspended, with or without cause, subject to any contractual arrangements that may exist between the City Council and the City Manager, at the discretion of the City Council by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council., deleting

Paragraph E, and amending Paragraph F. to read In the case of the absence, disability or suspension of the City Manager, the City Council may designate a temporary qualified individual of the City to perform the duties of the office.

SECTION 4.02 DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to delete SECTION 4.02 DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER.

SECTION 4.03 CITY SECRETARY

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to postpone SECTION 4.03 CITY SECRETARY contingent upon proper verbiage ensuring that there is no crossover between duties of the City Secretary and City Manager and allowing the City Secretary to recommend who should be hired as the Assistant City Secretary.

SECTION 4.04 MUNICIPAL COURT

The consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to amend SECTION 4.04 MUNICIPAL COURT to be appointed by the City Manager, if legal, for a Home Rule City.

SECTION 4.05 CITY ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner LouAnn Tovar and carried unanimously to accept SECTION 4.05 CITY ATTORNEY, as presented.

SECTION 4.06 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ethny Valenzuela, and carried unanimously to accept Paragraph A and remove Paragraph B and Paragraph C, as amended.

SECTION 4.07 PERSONNEL SYSTEM

The Consensus of the Charter Commission agreed to delete SECTION 4.07 PERSONNEL SYSTEM

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. Adjourn

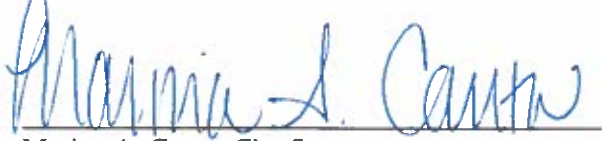
Motion was made by Commissioner Rev. Jim Miles, seconded by Commissioner Anthony Urias and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City of Fort Stockton Charter Commission Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gil Rey Madrid, Charter Commission Chairman

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary