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April Jackson, City Secretary
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**NOTICE OF MEETING
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
June 10, 2024
10:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
504 N. Queen Street
Palestine, Texas**

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- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Any citizen wishing to speak during public comments regarding an item on or off the agenda may do so during this section of the agenda. All comments must be no more than five minutes in length. Any comments regarding items, not on the posted agenda may not be discussed or responded to by the Board. Members of the public may join via Zoom or in person.
- D. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Consider approval of minutes from the May 13, 2024, meeting.
- F. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**
 - 1. Discussion and possible action regarding Article II. - Enumerated Powers, Section 2.19 through Section 2.36 and Article III. - Legislative Procedure.
- G. **ADJOURNMENT**

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the main entrance to City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on **Friday, June 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "April Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

April Jackson, City Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS IN NEED OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE VIA EMAIL AT citysecretary@palestine-tx.org or 903-731-8414.

Charter Review Committee

E. 1.

Meeting Date: 06/10/2024

Submitted By: April Jackson, City Secretary

SUMMARY

Consider approval of minutes from the May 13, 2024, meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval as presented.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL

Attachments

Minutes

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The Charter Review Committee of the City of Palestine convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: Dan Bochsler, Edwina Miller, Jessie Sweet, Tracy Torma, Mattie Jackson, and Cotrina Davis.

Staff present: City Manager Teresa Herrera, City Secretary April Jackson, and City Attorney Rezzin Pullum.

Committee Members Jodi Davis and Marilyn Ester-Barnes were absent.

CALL TO ORDER BY CITY MANAGER

With a quorum present, Chair Dan Bochsler called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the April 8, 2024, meeting.

Motion by Committee Member Edwina Miller, seconded by Committee Member Tracy Torma, to approve the item as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Article I – Name, Form of Government and Boundaries, Article II – Enumerated Powers, and Article III – Legislative Procedure.

The Committee started reviewing the City Charter and made the following notes of areas that would need to be considered at a future meeting:

Article I. – Name, Form of Government and Boundaries

- *Sec. 1.4. (b) Extension of limits by annexation:* Omitted
- *Section 1.4. (c) Annexation of unoccupied lands on petition of owners:* changed to Section 1.4 (b)
- *Sec. 1.4. (d) Compliance:* changed to Section 1.4. (c)
- *Section 1.4. (e) Annexed territory to become part of the city:* changed to Section 1.4. (d)
- *Section 1.5. Rules for contraction of boundaries:* adding the following sentence to the end of Section 1.5: Refer to Article IX for forms and types of petitions.

Article II. – Enumerated Powers

- *Section 2.0. – Local self-government:* adding the section to the front of Section 2.1.
- *Section 2.1. – Creation of form of government and offices; manner of selecting officers:* changing the title to Creation of form of local self-government and officer; manner of selecting officers. Adding the following previous Section 2.0 verbiage to the beginning of Section 2.1: The City of Palestine shall have full power of local self-government, and among the other powers that may be exercised, the following are hereby enumerated for greater certainty.
- *Section 2.13. Buying, owning or constructing public utilities; right of eminent domain and condemnation of property for public utility purposes:* omitting and replacing the word abattoir with meat processing facilities.
- *Section 2.15. Appropriation of private property for public purposes:* omitting and replacing the word calaboose with prisons, abattoirs with meat processing facilities, and schoolhouses and high school buildings with educational facilities.

Committee members proposed removing all brackets from section titles to be uniform.

ITEMS FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Dan Bochsler requested the continued review of Article II, beginning in Section 2.19 and through Article III, at the next meeting. The next meeting will be on June 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Committee, Chair Dan Bochsler adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

DAN BOCHSLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

APRIL JACKSON, CITY SECRETARY