

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Joint Work Session Meeting with Charter Review Commission on Tuesday February 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Aaron Garcia presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Gabe Moreno, and Jeffrey Sutton. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Police Chief Randy Batten, City Attorney Sharon Hicks and City Secretary Tina Keys. Charter Review members present were James Stewart, Erin Corbell, Missi Elliston, J.T. Owens. Mayor Garcia entered the meeting at 5:16 after a quorum was certified. Chris Martin entered the meeting at 5:16 after a quorum was certified.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Pro-tem Elliston called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Council quorum was certified. Charter Review Commission quorum was certified.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **3. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS**

A. Discussion regarding Charter Review Commission recommendation to City Council for May 4, 2024 Special Election.

City Manager Corbell said the purpose of the work session is to review the charter review recommendations for the May 4, 2024 election and reviewed the propositions.

Council Member Moreno asked if there was anything about leasing property. Erin said that the recommendation was to remove it giving the authority to council to evaluate leases on a case by case basis. Charter Review Commissioner Owens said it takes it out of the charter completely and they feel that the city should not lease properties at all but could sell the properties instead, but that would be up to council. Leasing opens up so much potential litigation. A rental is different from a lease. It's not smart business in today's world. Council Member Sutton asked if that is the way it will appear on the ballot. Commissioner Owens said he thinks it will say it removes portions of the charter that are already state law. The only thing the commission added was the qualifications for unexpired terms. Everything else was attorney recommendations.

Erin said the other item is 12.21, under utility franchise was a provision enacted by citizen petition which gave the customers the option to opt out of smart meters. We can remove it from the charter. If council wants it to stay in place, you can make it a policy. It does not need to be reflected in the charter.

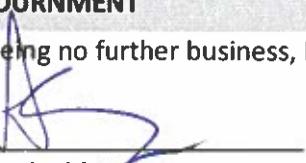
Attorney Hicks said she is also recommending it come out. The language is very vague.

James Stewart said the attorney cleaned everything up.

Attorney Hicks said our charter has a lot of conflicting provisions with state law.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

  
Aaron Garcia, Mayor

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary