

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Work Session on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Thompson; Councilmembers Will Brule, Mitchell Jordan, Vickey L. Chivers, Doug Smith, and Steve Presley; City Manager Mike Alexander, City Secretary Teresa Herrera, and City Attorney Ronald Stutes.

Other staff present: Asst. City Manager Michael Hornes, Communications Officer Nate Smith, Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, and Finance Director Steve Groom.

Mayor Bob Herrington was absent. A quorum was present.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson called the work session to order at 4:02 p.m.

Discuss Charter Review Committee recommended changes to the charter.


Council discussed the following:

- Article I – A change is proposed to Section 1.4 to require a public hearing to be held prior to expanding the boundaries of the City.
- Article II – Changes were proposed to Section 2.16 and 2.17 to modernize and streamline methods for improving streets.
- Article IV – A change is recommended to Section 4.4, to change the Mayor’s term to 3 years instead of 2 years. It is suggested that to the extent that having the Mayoral seat on the ballot at the same time as some, but not all, council seats could have an effect on either the vote for those council seat or the relative influence of some districts on the Mayor’s election, this change would effectively rotate the effect by having the Mayor on the same ballot as Districts 1, 3, and 5 on some years, and 2, 4, and 6 on other years. Section 4.10 Term limits. Committee voted to change term limits.
- Article IX – A revision of Section 9.14 is recommended to make it consistent with state law on petitions and to make the language more understandable.
- Article X – A revision of Section 10.6 is recommended to eliminate language that is inconsistent with current law and to reflect current practice.

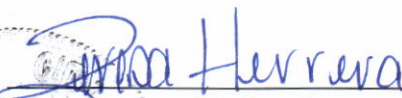
Councilmember Jordan left at 5:57 p.m.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.


Bob Herrington, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

