



Meeting Minutes  
 Special Meeting of the Oak Point City Council and the  
 Home Rule Charter Exploratory Committee

Oak Point City Hall  
 Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
 6:00 P.M.

Meeting held remotely via Zoom

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum**

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following roll call:

Keith Palmer	Mayor	Present
John Lusk	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Don Lindemann	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Dena Meek	Council Member	Present
Kyle Thompson	Council Member	Present
Scott Dufford	Council Member	Present
JoAnn Finan	HRCEC Member	Present
Lynn Harpold	HRCEC Member	Present
David McBeth	HRCEC Member	Present
Duane Olson	HRCEC Member	Present
Debbie Peterman	HRCEC Member	Present
Jillian Richards	HRCEC Member	Present
Richard Shine	HRCEC Member	Present
Rance Walters	HRCEC Member	Absent
City staff present:		
Stephen Ashley	City Manager	
Joni Vaughn	City Secretary	

And with a quorum present the following items were addressed.

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Meek gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**4. Public Input**

No one came forward to speak.

**5. Consider and act upon the minutes for the January 19, 2021 Home Rule Charter Exploratory Committee meeting.**

Mayor Pro Tem Lusk made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Home Rule Charter Exploratory Committee meeting; motion seconded by Council Member Meek.

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**6. Discuss Oak Point's population research.**

City Manager Ashley presented a spreadsheet using data from Denton County and the City of Oak Point showing an estimated population of 5,060. Mayor Pro Tem Lusk came up with a similar number in his calculations.

**7. Discuss the reviews of other cities charters.**

The Committee needs more time to review the various City Charters collected.

**8. Discuss the list of pros and cons of becoming Home Rule.**

Council and Committee Members named a variety of Pros for becoming a Home Rule Charter City, some of them being:

- More power to the citizens
- District voting
- Referendums
- Being able to customize the laws of Oak Point

No one could really think of any Cons to becoming a Home Rule Charter City.

**9. Discuss topics to be scheduled for a future Home Rule Charter Exploratory Committee Meeting.**

Council and Committee Members agreed that since they feel very comfortable with the estimated population of 5,060, it is time to move forward in the process of becoming a Home Rule Charter City. City Manager Ashley will contact the City Attorney regarding what the Council needs to do to solidify the population number and establish the official Home Rule Charter Committee to take the City forward.

**10. Adjournment.**

Mayor Pro Tem Lusk made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

**Motion Passed 5-0**

Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

  
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Keith Palmer, Mayor



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Joni Vaughn, City Secretary