City of Pflugerville Charter Review Commission 2021 Report of Findings and Recommendations

To: The Pflugerville City Council

From: The 2020-2021 Charter Review Commission

Reference: Written Report of Findings and Recommendations

Date: May 25, 2021

Mayor and City Council,

Pursuant to City Charter Section 11.11 the Charter Review Commission (the "Commission" is required to (1) Inquire into the operations of city government and review the city charter to determine whether it requires revision; (2) Propose any recommendations it deems desirable to ensure compliance with charter provisions by city departments; (3) Propose any charter amendments it deems desirable to improve the effective application of the charter to current conditions; and (4) Make a written report of its findings and recommendations to the city council.

Consistent with its obligations under the City Home Rule Charter the Commission hereby, respectfully, submits its Findings and Recommendations.

The Commission hereby finds that the proposed recommended Charter amendments are deemed desirable to improve the effective application of the charter to current conditions. Specifically, the Commission hereby submits the attached proposed amendments for consideration by the citizens of the City of Pflugerville which are summarized as follows:

<u>Amendment A:</u> Public hearings on disannexation to be noticed pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

<u>Amendment B:</u> Ordinances to be published on the City's website.

<u>Amendment C:</u> Creation of the position of an executive assistant to the city council.

<u>Amendment D:</u> Signatures on recall petitions to be affixed to the petition within the time frame required by state law.

<u>Amendment E:</u> Prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Amendment F: Creating gender neutral wording.

Amendment G: Correcting spelling and grammatical errors.

Amendment H: Prohibiting Council Members or city employees from being voting members of Charter or Ordinance created boards and commissions.

Respectfully,

Jim McDonald, Chair 2020-2021 Charter Review Commission