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CITY COMMISSION MEETING **CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY- FEBRUARY 26, 2015

4:00 P.M.

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2) INVOCATION**
- 3) RECEIVE AND DISCUSS REPORT FROM THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO CITY CHARTER**
- 4) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CITY COUNCIL, ON ITS OWN MOTION, SHOULD SUBMIT ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE:**
 - 1) Change the designation of the City's governing body from "City Commission" to "City Council";**
 - 2) Establish a Department of Community Development to oversee the City's development, planning, and building code enforcement activities;**
 - 3) Establish a Fire Department and the offices of Fire Chief and Fire Marshal and prescribe the qualifications and duties for those offices;**
 - 4) Establish a Police Department and the office of Police Chief and prescribe the qualifications and duties for that office;**

- 5) Add a provision for resolving conflicts between charter provisions adopted in the same election;
- 6) Change the terms of office of the Mayor and Council Members from two years to three years; provide for staggered terms of office; and to provide for term limits;
- 7) Provide rules for determining when a position on the governing body becomes vacant or is forfeited, for the removal of members of the governing body for misconduct, and for filling vacancies that occur;
- 8) Provide that the City Council shall set the compensation of its members;
- 9) Provide for the duties and term of the office of Mayor Pro Tem;
- 10) To permit the City Council to conduct meetings in public buildings other than City Hall in certain circumstances;
- 11) To require that the City Council adopt reasonable procedures to permit citizens to speak on matters of public concern during its meetings;
- 12) To require that any action by the city council on a proposed ordinance or resolution be taken by roll call vote;
- 13) Provide for a city manager form of government where the city council appoints a qualified professional to manage the day-to-day operations of the City, to create the office of City Manager, and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the city manager;
- 14) Provide for the appointment of a city attorney and to prescribe the duties and qualifications of the city attorney;
- 15) Provide for the establishment of a municipal court and to provide for the appointment of municipal judges;
- 16) Define the powers of the Mayor;
- 17) Provide for Council oversight of the City and City Manager;
- 18) Require Council Member's signatures on vetoes and deleting obsolete provisions;
- 19) Provide for rules against the hiring of employees who are closely related to members of the city council;

20) Provide the City's citizens with the rights of initiative and referendum and recall;

21) Provide the City's citizens with the right to petition for the amendment of the charter;

22) Provide for the appointment every five years of a charter review commission; and

23) Such other amendments, if any, that the City Council believes to be necessary or advisable.

5) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL CITY ELECTION FOR MAY 9, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY; STATING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE VOTED UPON AT SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT AT SUCH ELECTION; MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

THIS FACILITY IS WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 713-672-2556 OR FAX: 713-672-1840 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT CITY HALL, 2000 CLINTON DRIVE, GALENA PARK, TEXAS, 77547, ON FEBRUARY 23, 2015 BY 4:00 P.M AND REMAINED SO POSTED UNTIL AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE SAID MEETING WAS CONVENED.



MAYRA GONZALES
CITY SECRETARY