



**CITY COUNCIL
CALLED SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2022**

PRESENT:

Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Emily Hill, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1
Anne Weir, Place 2 (Absent)
Maria Amezcua, Place 3
Sonia Wallace, Place 4
Aaron Moreno, Place 5
Deja Hill, Place 6

CITY STAFF:

Scott Moore, City Manager
Lluvia T. Almaraz, City Secretary
Scott Jones, Economic Development Director
Phil Green, IT Director

SPECIAL SESSION – 2:30 P.M.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the special session of the Manor City Council was called to order by Mayor Harvey at 2:37 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Manor City Hall, 105 E. Eggleston St., Manor, Texas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Harvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one appeared at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Manor, Texas, Establishing Legislative Priorities for the City of Manor, and Recommending those Priorities to the Texas Municipal League for Inclusion in their Legislative Program.

The city staff recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2022-14 Supporting Legislation that Extends to all Municipalities Authority to Manage Emergency Service Districts Within Its Defined Corporate Limits and Support Additional Appropriations For Affordable And Workforce Housing.

Mayor Harvey explained the process for the city's resolution submittal to the Texas Municipal League to be considered in TML's Legislative Program and advocacy efforts for the 88th Texas Legislative Session.

Discussion was held regarding the following matters:

1. Support state legislation that would protect municipalities abilities to manage Emergency Service Districts ("Districts") within their defined corporate limits:
 - Change governance structure for Districts from an appointed board to an elected body to produce accountability to taxpayers and eliminate the "taxation without representation" problem that currently exists.
 - Require Districts to receive approval from the City for expansion (i.e., annexation of additional territory). If the City rejects the request, the District must provide a petition from 50% of property owners in the service area.
 - Require the District to obtain budget approval from each City in whose boundaries the District provides services.
 - Require a commensurate number of board appointees to the District board from citizens who live in the City served by the District, appointed by the City Council.
 - Enact term limits on District board members. (Currently, County Commissioners' courts may reappoint the same members into perpetuity.)
 - Require Districts that maintain a website to post meeting agendas on their website.
2. Support legislations and additional appropriations for affordable and workforce housing that allows for the expansion and preservation of diverse, affordable homes in cities.

Discussion was held regarding the attached cover sheets regarding the city's concerns on the matters stated above.

Discussion was held regarding housing affordability within the city.

Resolution No. 2022-14: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Manor, Texas, Supporting Legislation That Extends to all Municipalities Authority to Manage Emergency Service Districts Within Its Defined Corporate Limits and Support Additional Appropriations for Affordable and Workforce Housing.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Council Member Moreno and seconded by Council Member Wallace, to approve Resolution No. 2022-14 Supporting Legislation that Extends to all Municipalities Authority to Manage Emergency Service Districts Within Its Defined Corporate Limits and Support Additional Appropriations for Affordable And Workforce Housing.

There was no further discussion.

Motion to approve carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Session of the Manor City Council Adjourned at 3:21 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022.

These minutes approved by the Manor City Council on the 7th day of September 2022. *(Audio recording archived)*

APPROVED:

Dr. Christopher Harvey
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lluvia T. Almaraz, TRMC
City Secretary

2022
TML RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

Sponsoring Entity: City of Manor

Brief Background: Emergency Service District boards are appointed by a Commissioners Court, except under limited circumstances. This creates an accountability issue from the appointed board to the residents of the District and the municipalities within the District where the District and board are assessing and collecting tax revenues, but are not directly accountable to those being taxed. Residents and municipalities aggrieved by a board action must make appeals to a Commissioners Court, which may or may not take action.

What the Resolution is Intended to Accomplish: The resolution seeks support from the Texas Municipal League for legislation that will make all Emergency Service District boards members subject to an election by residents of the District; require Districts to receive approval from the City for expansion (i.e., annexation of additional territory); require the District to obtain budget approval from each City in whose boundaries the District provides service; require a commensurate number of board appointees to the District board from citizens who live in the City served by the District, appointed by the City Council; enact term limits on District board members (Currently, County Commissioners' courts may reappoint the same members into perpetuity.); and require Districts that maintain a website to post meeting agendas on their website.

How the Resolution is City-Related/How it Address a Municipal Issue: In recent years, Emergency Service Districts have taken actions that purport to serve their best interest but are detrimental to residents and municipalities within the District; such as removing collocated Emergency Medical Service facilities, assessing sales tax within the corporate limits of municipalities, and expanding their jurisdictions without the consent of a municipality. This resolution seeks support for legislation that will enable greater accountability by the board by causing their membership to be elected rather than appointed.

Statewide Importance: This is a growing issue for urban and rural areas of across the State of Texas dealing with substantial planned growth development being impacted by Emergency Service Districts as the majority of residents and municipalities of the State are subject to Commissioner Court appointed Emergency Service District boards.

Submitted By: **Name: Dr. Christopher Harvey**
 Title: Mayor
 City: City of Manor
 Email: drcjharvey@cityofmanor.org

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT EXTENDS TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORITY TO MANAGE EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS DEFINED CORPORATE LIMITS AND SUPPORT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the Texas Municipal League has invited member cities to submit resolutions by August 22, 2022, with the recommendations for consideration in TML's Legislative Program and advocacy efforts for the 88th Texas Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, City Council supports legislation addressing the matters described herein and the TML Resolution Cover Sheet that accompanies this Resolution and recommends inclusion of these matters in TML's Legislative Program;

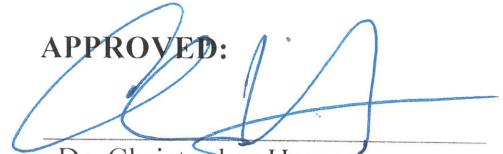
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, that Texas Municipal League include the following matters in Legislative Program for the 88th Texas Legislative Session:

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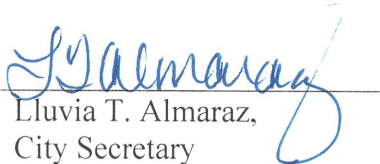
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MANOR, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

APPROVED:



Dr. Christopher Harvey,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Luvia T. Almaraz,
City Secretary

