

ORDINANCE NO. 686

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR LEGISLATIVE PRAYER PRESENTATIONS; AMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADD LEGISLATIVE PRAYER IN 7.01, CORRECTING THE REFERENCE TO STATE LAW IN 3.15 AND 7.04, UPDATING THE COVER PAGE TO REFLECT THIS ORDINANCE, AND REVISING THE FOOTER TO REFLECT THE DOCUMENT TITLE; AMENDING SECTION 1.04.002 OF THE MANOR CODE OF ORDINANCES TO RECOGNIZE THE CHANGES TO THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Manor, Texas (the “City”) is authorized by the City Charter and state law to determine its own rules; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to amend the rules of procedure governing the conduct of Regular and Special Meetings to add a step for legislative prayer into the order of business in the form of an invocation;

Whereas, to ensure Council meetings continue in an orderly manner, the City Council deems it appropriate to adopt a policy for invocation presentations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. Adoption of Policy for Invocation Presentations. The City Council hereby adopts the policy set forth in the document titled “Invocation Presentations Policy and Procedure” attached hereto in Exhibit A. The City Council directs that the document be incorporated into the City Council Rules of Procedure.

Section 3. Amendment of Rules of Council. The City Council hereby amends Section 7, Order of Business, of the City Council Rules of Procedure (Rules) as set forth in Exhibit B. Specifically, the following is added as the second bullet in subsection 7.01, Regular and Special Meetings to read as follows:

- Invocation

The City Council also amends the Rules to correct the reference to State law in subsections 3.15 and 7.04, update the cover page to reflect this ordinance, and revise the footer to reflect the documents’ title;

Section 4. Amendment of Code of Ordinances. The last sentence of Section 1.04.002 of the City of Manor Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows: “The City Council hereby adopts the City Council Rules of Procedure set forth in Exhibit B to Ordinance No. _____ on file in the office of the city secretary.”

Section 5. Conflicting Ordinances. Any ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance as adopted and amended herein, are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the City, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 6. Savings. All rights and remedies of the City of Manor are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances affecting City Council Rules of Procedure which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Tex. Loc. Gov’t. Code.

Section 8. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 9. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of January 2023.

THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS

Dr. Christopher Harvey
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lluvia T. Almaraz, TRMC
City Secretary

Exhibit "A"

**Invocation Presentations
Policy and Procedure**

Exhibit “B”

**City Council
Rules of Procedure**