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**City of La Marque
Special Minutes
August 18, 2014**

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road for purpose of considering the following agenda:

(1) Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

(2) ROLL CALL

Mayor Hocking
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell
Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Brown
Councilmember Trube

City Manager Buttler
City Attorney Ortego
City Clerk Eldridge

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

(4) STATEMENT BY CITY OF LA MARQUE CITY ATTORNEY

Ellis Ortego, City of La Marque City Attorney began by stating, "Initially, I was persuaded by some wording in the City Charter that two petitions could be merged together into one petition. Due to the controversy over my initial decision, and after a closer review, I determined that the two petitions that were turned in to the City Clerk cannot be merged as one petition. In retrospect, if the signatures which appeared on the second petition had been part of the first petition and timely presented to the City Clerk within the first petition thirty day time period, then holding an election would have been proper."

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Geraldine Sam, said that she was disappointed. That at the last meeting, the City Attorney gave an opinion, that both signatures can be merged as one. She is against the recall, and said that she feels like the District in which the Councilmember is in should be able to vote to decide whether she needs to be recalled or not. She also mentioned that no one should be able to blackmail or hold any of the Councilmembers hostage or threaten them.

Mayor Hocking responded that no one has threatened or blackmailed anyone on City Council. It was decided to look at the City Charter again and after further research this was decided. As the Mayor he stands beside what is being done tonight.



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Valerie Beverly thanked the Mayor and members of City Council member for keeping their composer during this time. She then read a prepared statement (as attached in Exhibit "A").

Dr. David Michael Smith read a prepared statement (as attached in Exhibit "B" calling for the immediate, unconditional resignation of Councilmember Connie Trube. He thanked Lee Clarke and Valerie Beverly for leading the effort in collecting the names on the petitions to remove Ms. Trube. He believes that the City should continue with the recall election unless the City Attorney can produce the legal opinion based on the law for his revised opinion. Then commented, "I believe that the City's best days lie before us and not behind us."

(6) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding rescinding Resolution No. R-2014-0017, calling a Special Recall Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to rescind Resolution No. R-2014-0017, calling a Special Recall Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Bell asked the reason behind the City Attorney's reversal opinion. In which Mr. Ortego replied that he took a closer look at the City Charter. He stated that he second guessed his opinion. No one threatened him or put any pressure on him.

Councilmember Bell continued to say that he had not threatened by anyone and or threatened by anyone.

Mayor Hocking stated that "We followed our City Attorneys advice last week, and we are following our City Attorneys this week, nothing more nothing less."

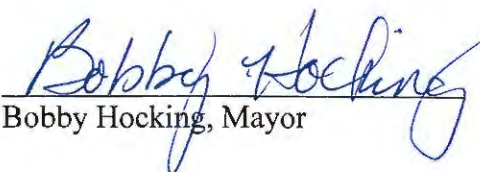
(7) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember the decision thanked them for urged the citizens to contact her of they had any concerns that she is here to serve all of the citizens.

Mayor thanked all for attending. Sent condolences to the family of the little girl that drowned yesterday

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Robin Eldridge
Robin Eldridge, City Clerk

CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK

In order to be heard, this form must be filled out and returned to the City Clerk five (5) minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

DATE OF MEETING: August 18

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recind the recall

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Name Geraldine Sam

Address 2412 Stonewall

Telephone number 409-9356069

IF SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION:

Name of Organization: _____

Speaker's Official Capacity _____

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Name Valerie Beverly

Address 1508 Delia Ave SE

Telephone number 409-998-3313

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Name DR. DAVID MICHAEL SMITH

Address 623 WESTWOOD CIRCLE

Telephone number LA MARQUE 832.692.2306

IF SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION:

Name of Organization: _____

Speaker's Official Capacity _____