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Many of you are aware of a citizen led initiative to establish a city manager form of government. Please know that this is an idea that has been discussed in the past, but cannot be proposed or endorsed, either positively or negatively, by the Mayor, City Council, or city staff.

The citizens that advanced this idea followed Texas Local Government Code Chapter 25, which states in part:

Sec. 25.022. PETITION. (a) The residents of the municipality may file a petition with the clerk of the municipality requesting the mayor to call a special election to determine whether the municipality shall adopt the city manager form of government.

(b) The petition must be signed by a number of qualified voters equal to at least 20 percent of the total number of qualified voters who voted for mayor at the most recent municipal election at which the office of mayor was to be filled.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 25.023. PROCLAMATION ORDERING ELECTION. (a) Within 10 days after the date a petition is filed, the mayor of the municipality shall issue a proclamation ordering a special election.

(b) The proclamation must state that the election is ordered to determine whether the municipality will adopt the city manager form of government and must be signed by the mayor and attested by the clerk of the municipality.

All of these steps have been followed, with my issuing the proclamation as required and stated above. **Issuing the proclamation in no way implies an endorsement of the petition, but recognizes the right of the citizens to file such a petition and request a vote.** The proper steps have been followed, and we anticipate seeing a ballot item on the November election ballot, asking voters to either approve or deny the creation of the city manager form of government.