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May 24, 2023

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in special session at its temporary location located at 1551 East Napoleon Street in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on May 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

DRU ELLENDER, Council Representative of District 1  
MELINDA HARDY, Council Representative of District 3  
MANDY THOMAS, Council Representative of District 5

ABSENT: NICK NEZAT, Council Representative of District 2  
JOY ABSHIRE, Council Representative of District 4

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mrs. Hardy, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Thomas.

Motion was made by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Hardy that the agenda stand as written.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The only item on the agenda is a resolution to consider and take appropriate action on resolution concerning Home Rule Charter election. Cade Cole, City Attorney, stated that clarification needed to be made so there's no confusion. The amendment in question is to delete the word "registered" from Section 8-11. State statute has it written correct, but we just need to mirror state statute without the word "registered" so there's no confusion. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3530, M-C SERIES**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING CALLING AN ELECTION CONCERNING A PROPOSED  
REVISED AND RESTATED HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR.**

WHEREAS, the City Council as governing authority of the City of Sulphur acting pursuant to Section 7-06(E) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur and La. R.S. 33:1395-1 did adopt Ordinance No. 1811, M-C Series duly appointing seven citizens to serve as the Home Rule Charter Commission to modernize, update, and improve the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, the citizen members of the Home Rule Charter Commission of the City of Sulphur have met over the past four months to discuss how to modernize, update, and improve the Home Rule Charter of the City of Sulphur, received comment from interested members of the public, and held a public hearing on the final proposal that was previously published for review;

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WHEREAS, the citizen Home Rule Charter Commission unanimously recommended the attached proposal for a Revised and Restated Home Rule Charter for the City of Sulphur.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023 the citizen Home Rule Charter Commission recommended a technical amendment to remove a typographical error in Section 8-11 to delete the word “registered” to comport with La. R.S. 33:1395.3.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council as governing authority of the City of Sulphur that it does hereby formally ratify its call for an election to propose for the voters the ratification of the attached revised and restated Home Rule Charter on October 14, 2023 as adopted by the Council on April 10, 2023 and does hereby confirm that the Charter being voted on by the people does have the deletion of the word “registered” in Section 8-11.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Ellender, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Nezat, Mrs. Abshire

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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DRU ELLENDER, Chairman

5/24/23  
5:35 P.M.