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VELLORE: Twenty-three out of the 35 councillors in the Gudiyatham Municipality met Collector C. Rajendran and the Regional Director of Municipal Administration (RDMA) S. Balasubramaniam here on Tuesday and submitted to them a memorandum addressed to the RDMA requesting the latter to convene a meeting of the municipal council for the purpose of enabling the council to pass a no-confidence motion against the municipal chairman R.S. Sivaprakasam. The petition was signed by 30 councillors.

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According to Soundararajan, vice-chairman of the Gudiyatham Municipality, and one of the signatories to the petition, the councillors had stated in the petition that Mr. Sivaprakasam was not regularly conducting the meetings of the municipal council. Besides, they pointed out that he made frequent visits abroad and was not meeting the public to hear their representations. The councillors had therefore decided to get a no-confidence resolution passed against the chairman so as to pave the way for the election of a new chairman.

Mr. Balasubramaniam told *The Hindu* that a decision on convening a meeting for taking up a no-confidence motion against the municipal chairman would be taken after consulting the Commissioner of Municipal Administration. He said that he had conveyed the same information to the petitioners.