

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS**

JANUARY 6, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 6th day of January 2026, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, met in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154, with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Sonja A. Brown	*	Mayor
Travis Bruton	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Sherron Mosley	*	Council Member, Place 1
Shaunte Allen	*	Council Member, Place 2
Tramayne Hobbs	*	Council Member, Place 4
Laymon Lightfoot	*	Council Member, Place 5
Nelda Washington	*	Council Member, Place 6

STAFF:

Clifford Blackwell	*	City Manager
Keith Moore	*	Deputy City Manager
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Farrah Allen	*	Municipal Court Administrator
Dr. Glynell Horn	*	Chief of Police
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Sherry Roberts	*	Finance Director
Andrew Waits	*	Director of Public Works
Nicholas Williams	*	Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

Lan'Tiqua Burks	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sonja A. Brown called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Farrah Allen, Municipal Court Administrator, delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sonja A. Brown led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown recognized former Mayor Pro Tem Cornel Benford II for his service to the community.

Harry A. Garrett, former Council Member, Place 2, and Stephanie Hale, former Council Member, Place 4, were recognized, but were not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamation:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, 2026

EVENT

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following event:

- Mayor Sonja A. Brown's 3rd Annual Black History Essay Contest, January 1-30, 2026, Theme: A Century of Black History Commemorations. Winners will be announced at the February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discussion and take action to approve Resolution R-01-26, accepting and approving a Memorandum of Understanding made and entered into between the City and Red Oak Independent School District Police Department, clarifying jurisdiction, defining responsibilities, and promoting cooperation to improve services for residents within the City of Glenn Heights. (Dr. Glynell Horn, Chief of Police)

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 1 as written. Mayor Pro Tem Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Mosley, Allen, Hobbs, Lightfoot, and Washington

AGENDA

1. Presentation on the 2024 Tax Roll Analysis.

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item; and Karen Bishop, Client Liaison Manager, Sophronia Johnson, Senior Project Manager Fines and Fees Division, and LaVonda Russell, Attorney, with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, completed a presentation. Mr. Blackwell and Mrs. Bishop answered Council's questions related to number of delinquent accounts versus the total number of accounts handled, and how accounts are counted – by defendant or by household.

2. Presentation on the Glenn Heights Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item, and Erik Felthous, NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC, completed a presentation. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Felthous, and Andy White, Director of Public Works, answered Council's questions related to water line types, residential irrigation structure, how usage for manufactured home communities and manufactured home community residents are differentiated, various rate tiers, bill comparisons, sewage fees, purchasing/building a new water line system, the TRA contract, and changing providers.

3. Presentation of the November 2025 Financial Reports.

Sherry Roberts, Finance Director, introduced this item and completed a presentation. Mrs. Roberts answered Council's questions related to the value of days in reserve, investment firms, and how data is arranged in the presentation.

4. Presentation on the upcoming 2026 Close-Up Program trip, including objectives, dates, and participation details.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown introduced this item and provided information about the upcoming Close-Up Program trip. Council discussed procedures for making sure participants are Glenn Heights residents in the future.

5. Discussion and take action appointing a City Representative for the Close-Up Foundation: Washington DC Student Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Travis Bruton introduced this item and Council discussed who would be the potential designee.

Council Member Shaunte Allen made a motion to discuss this Agenda Item at the City Council Retreat and to table it to the first City Council meeting in February. Council Member Tramayne Hobbs made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Mosley, Allen, Hobbs, Lightfoot, and Washington

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at S Uhl Road, Glenn Heights, Texas.
- B. pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property, and Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; to deliberate land acquisitions for the E Bear Creek Road Right-of-Way Expansion Project.
- C. pursuant to the Texas government code section 551. 071, Consultation with Attorney; to obtain legal advice regarding allegations of the Mayor violating section 1.23.005 of the City Code.

Before Executive Session, Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a statement explaining why she believed Item C could not be reconsidered. Following Council discussion, she requested that a vote be taken to determine whether the item would remain on the agenda or be removed.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a motion to remove Executive Session Item C. Council Member Sherron Mosley made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 4 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Mosley, and Lightfoot
3 Nays – Allen, Hobbs, and Washington

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding items A and B. Council Member Sherron Mosley made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Mosley, Allen, Hobbs, Lightfoot, and Washington

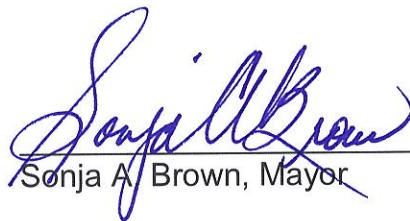
Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council would convene into Executive Session at 8:56 P.M.

2. The City Council shall reconvene into Open Session and take any action arising from Executive Session.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council would reconvene into Open Session at 9:27 P.M. and that no action would be taken on the Executive Session Items.

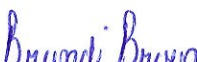
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:27 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 20th day January 2026