

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

JANUARY 20, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 20th 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
Jeffrey Kent	*	IT Support Specialist
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director
Sherry Roberts	*	Finance Director
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 7:09 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Taylor, Harvest of Praise Ministry, delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chuck Vinson, address on file: discussed concerns regarding speeding vehicles on Milas Lane and the types of vehicles permitted on the residential roadway, specifically construction trucks.
- Pamela Hampton, address on file: announced her candidacy for Ellis County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, and asked for the support of the City Council and local residents.
- Dana Williamson, address on file: addressed the Council about the importance of working together for the good of the community and expressed her support for the current members.
- James Wright, address on file: discussed the possibility that a current Council Member or Executive Leadership team member may allegedly have an outstanding warrant and inquired about the City Manager's responsibilities, if any, in such a situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult in closed session with the City Attorney. 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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council would convene into Executive Session at 7:26 P.M.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council would reconvene into Open Session at 7:39 P.M. and that no action would be taken on the Executive Session discussion, but Council reserved the right to place the matter on a future Agenda.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, introduced the following Staff Members:

- Julian Ramirez, Police Officer
- Alexandra Herrera, Police Officer
- Nicholas Vangen, Paramedic
- Andrea Ward, Recreation Aide (PT)
- Caleb Moody, Recreation Aide (PT)
- Jose Mauricio, Court Clerk

Mr. Mauricio addressed the Council, noting that he was pleased to join the Glenn Heights team and looked forward to applying his skills and expertise within the organization.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamations:

- School Board Appreciation Month, January 2026
- Black History Month, February 2026

EVENTS

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.
- City of Glenn Heights, AT&T, and Compudot laptop giveaway, January 22, 2026, 3:00 P.M., Glenn Heights Community Center, 1938-D S Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, TX.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discussion and take action to approve the Meeting Minutes of the December 9, 2025, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discussion and take action to approve the Meeting Minutes of the January 6, 2026, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Council Member Shaunte Allen made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2 as written. 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

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the December 2025 Financial Reports.

Sherry Roberts, Finance Director, introduced this item and completed a presentation. Mrs. Roberts answered Council's questions related to investment funds and court technology.

2. Discussion and first reading of Ordinance O-01-26, amending the Code of Ordinances, by amending Section 1.02.044 of Division 2 ("Rules of Order and Decorum") of Article 1.02 ("City Council") of Chapter 1 ("General Provisions") to amend Subsection (b).

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item and completed a brief presentation.

3. Discussion and first reading of Ordinance O-02-26, adopting amendments to the Home Rule Charter approved by the voters of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, at an Election held on November 4, 2025.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, introduced this item and completed a brief presentation.

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 Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, to deliberate the evaluation, discipline, removal or potential suspension of an elected city official based on alleged violations of the City of Glenn Heights code of conduct, the city charter and applicable ordinances.

Before Executive Session, Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a statement explaining why she believed Item C could not be reconsidered and should be removed. 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 Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion failed with the following record vote:

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

Council Member Nelda Washington made a statement regarding the language of Item C – she stated instead of it being “Code on Contact”, it should have been “Code of Conduct.” She also read an email from Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, explaining the language and why it was still appropriate to move forward.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown then stated that since Council wanted to move forward with Item C, she was invoking her Ordinance right to written charges and a Public Hearing regarding Item C, and that Executive Session would only then be regarding Items A and B.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to go into Executive Session. 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

During the vote, Council Member Shaunte Allen asked for a clarification of the above Motion and next steps. Mayor Sonja A. Brown explained that she had invoked her

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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

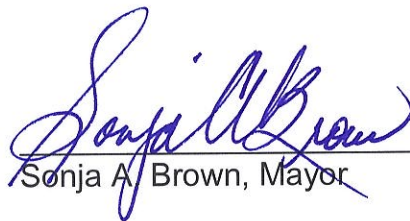
Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council would convene into Executive Session at 8:56 P.M.

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.

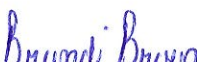
ADJOURNMENT

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