

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

JUNE 1, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 1st day of June 2021, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, met in a Regular Called City Council Meeting in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154, with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Harry A. Garrett	*	Mayor
Sonja A. Brown	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member
Travis Bruton	*	Council Member
Alisha M. Brown	*	Council Member
Shaunte L. Allen	*	Council Member
Machanta Newson	*	Council Member

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Michael Rogers	*	Deputy City Manager
Lucas Benson	*	Interim Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Marlon Goff	*	Planning and Development Director
Byron Hardy	*	IT Administrator
Miamauni Hines	*	Planner
Keith Moore	*	Fire Chief
Nery Pena	*	Financial Analyst
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director

CONSULTANT:

Victoria Thomas	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:21 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Travis Bruton delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Harry A. Garrett led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments made.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read the following Proclamation:

- Flag Day, June 14, 2021, and National Flag Week, June 14-20, 2021

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, made the following introduction:

- Julian Ramirez, Police Officer

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the May 18, 2021, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 1. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

AGENDA

1. Public hearing to receive testimony concerning Ordinance O-06-21, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glenn Heights, Chapter 14 "Zoning", Exhibit A "Zoning Ordinance", Article XVIII "Temporary Uses and Permits" at Section XVIII.1.2 "Asphalt or Concrete Batching Plant" by amending Subpart B thereof; providing a repealing clause, providing a severability clause, and providing an effective date.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced the Public Hearing opened at 7:29 P.M.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced the Public Hearing closed at 7:29 P.M.

2. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-06-21, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glenn Heights, Chapter 14 "Zoning", Exhibit A "Zoning Ordinance", Article XVIII "Temporary Uses and Permits" at Section XVIII.1.2 "Asphalt or Concrete Batching Plant" by amending Subpart B thereof; providing a repealing clause, providing a severability clause, and providing an effective date.

Miamauni Hines, Planner, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding temporary batching plants, including existing and proposed batching plant conditions, and the batching plant requirements of surrounding cities. She also provided information about batching plants previously approved by City Council and made a Staff recommendation.

Ms. Hines and David Hall, City Manager, answered Council's questions related to current and proposed distance requirements, why the requirement has decreased overtime with continued development, if the current Ordinance/distance has prevented any development from coming to Glenn Heights, and if any research had been completed regarding batching plants and health issues. Mr. Hall also confirmed that Ms. Hines would provide information regarding batching plant requirements for additional cities at the second reading.

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-15-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, finding that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's Application for approval to amend its distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; authorizing participation with OCSC; authorizing the hiring of legal counsel and consulting services; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; and requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Nery Pena, Financial Analyst, introduced this item and discussed City Council taking action to deny Oncor Electric Company's request for a rate increase, authorizing the City's participation in the Oncor Cities Steering Committee, authorizing the hiring of legal counsel, and finding that the rate case costs will be reimbursed by Oncor.

Mrs. Pena, David Hall, City Manager, and Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to the rate increase, joining litigation for the denial, legal costs, and City services provided by Oncor.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made a motion to approve Resolution R-15-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, finding that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's Application for approval to amend its distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; authorizing participation with OCSC; authorizing the hiring of legal counsel and

consulting services; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; and requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

4. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-16-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, terminating the suspension of late fees imposed on residents as the result of late payments of all utility bills and reinstating the imposition of late fees as of June 1, 2021; providing for the repeal of any and all Resolutions in conflict; providing for severability clause; and providing an effective date.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item and explained that to lessen the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the citizens of Glenn Heights, a temporary moratorium on the collection of late fees on unpaid water bills was put in place, and that this action would terminate the moratorium.

Mr. Hall clarified what would be reinstated and answered Council's questions related to the percentage of residents that are currently past due, how much revenue was lost due to waived fees, and how information regarding the reinstatement would be disseminated to residents.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made a motion to approve Resolution R-16-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, terminating the suspension of late fees imposed on residents as the result of late payments of all utility bills and reinstating the imposition of late fees as of June 1, 2021; providing for the repeal of any and all Resolutions in conflict; providing for severability clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

5. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-17-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, terminating the City's temporary policy and program providing COVID-19 Hazard Assignment Pay established under Resolution R-10-20, for certain employment positions within the City; and providing for an effective date.

Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, introduced this item and answered Council's question related to the well-being of Staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution R-17-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, terminating the City's temporary policy and program providing COVID-19 Hazard Assignment Pay established under Resolution R-10-20, for certain employment positions within the City; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

6. Discussion regarding the Guardian Program.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item. Lucas Benson, Interim Chief of Police, completed a presentation regarding the program, including how the program would be utilized, how the registry will help the community, and the process to join the program.

Mr. Hall and Chief Benson answered Council's questions related to program processes, how residents would be identified if they were not at their residence, what City Staff would be dispatched to program residents, training, how a bridge would be formed between program participants and the Police Department, the implementation schedule, and program solicitation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

Mayor Harry A. Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:34 P.M.



Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 20th day of July 2021