

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

JULY 21, 2026

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 21st day of July 2026, the City of Glenn Heights City Council held a Meeting 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
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
Sir Fabian Freeman	*	Interim Director of Human Resources
Jeff Kent	*	IT Support Specialist
Sherry Roberts	*	Director of Finance
Nicholas Williams	*	Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

Kellie McKee	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the City's Vision and Mission Statements.

PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamation:

- Recognition of Lily Williams, Recipient of the Best Southwest Partnership and Mayoral Initiative Scholarship; and

along with Amanda Skinner, Executive Director, Best Southwest Partnership, presented Lily Williams with both Scholarships.

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following Events:

- Sunset Concert Series, August 2, 2026, 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., Glenn Heights City Center, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Glenn Heights Back to School Bash, August 8, 2026, 8:00 A.M. – Noon, Glenn Heights City Center, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chuck Vinson, address on file: Mr. Vinson offered congratulations to Lily Williams on being selected as a scholarship recipient. He also thanked Glynell Horn, Chief of Police, for maintaining a visible police presence within the community.

Mr. Vinson expressed concerns regarding the requirement to provide his address during Public Comment, noting that his address was already included on his Public Comment Request Form. In response, Mayor Sonja A. Brown asked City Attorney Kellie McKee whether individuals speaking during Public Comment are required to provide their address. Ms. McKee stated that she would research the matter and provide a response shortly.

Additionally, Mr. Vinson discussed concerns about speeding vehicles within his neighborhood and inquired about potential traffic-calming measures or other deterrents that could be implemented to improve safety.

He also requested information regarding the expansion of Bear Creek and its potential impact on the Maplewood Subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discussion and take action to approve the Meeting Minutes of the July 7, 2026, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discussion and take action to approve the Meeting Minutes of the July 14, 2026, Joint City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Discussion and take action accepting the Quarterly Investment Report for April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. (Sherry Roberts, Finance Director)

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Consent Agenda Item 3 would be tabled to a future date.

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

as written. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Allen, Hobbs, Lightfoot, and Washington

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Denise DeLara, address on file: Mrs. DeLara expressed concerns about providing her address during Public Comment but noted it was provided on her Public Comment Request Form. Kellie McKee, City Attorney, confirmed that speakers may provide their name and city of residence.

She also addressed the topic of transparency and inquired whether any current or former Council Member had been required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement related to the Data Center development. She further questioned how such an agreement, if one existed, would impact transparency in the City's operations.

Additionally, Mrs. DeLara commended Andy Waits, Director of Public Works, stating that she had spoken with him during a recent Town Hall regarding a City-related concern and that the issue was addressed immediately.

AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding the approved Data Center, including infrastructure, economic impact, utility capacity considerations, and related matters within the city of Glenn Heights.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown introduced the item and provided an overview of the approved Data Center project, including discussions related to infrastructure requirements, economic impacts, utility capacity considerations, and the timeline for the project's approval.

Mayor Brown, City Manager Clifford Blackwell, and Ab Atkins, President of AMF Mission Critical LLC, responded to questions from the City Council regarding the project. Topics discussed included the Agricultural Exemption associated with the property; potential impacts on water and electric rates; the possibility of separating residential and commercial water rates; concerns regarding shell companies and the company's track record; reasons Glenn Heights was selected for the project; water usage, treatment, and disposal processes; benefits of the project to the City; setback distances from residential neighborhoods; the expected lifespan and operational duration of data centers; AMF Mission Critical LLC's anticipated ownership timeline; the availability of contact information for the data center; the number of proposed phases and buildings; future land use considerations; how reducing the project size may affect development timelines; construction timelines for individual buildings; the potential use of solar energy; notification procedures when electrical power is granted to the developer; assurances that water usage would be self-contained and not negatively impact residents; confirmation that energy costs could not be passed on to residents; incentives associated with the project; ERCOT's awareness of the revised building count; and whether any future modifications would require additional review or approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission or City Council.

Council Members also provided comments and feedback regarding potential increases in electrical demand, strain on the power grid, hazards associated with data centers, concerns about rolling blackouts, the importance of sharing information with the entire Council, and the need for the City to provide broader public notification regarding significant developments rather than limiting notifications to property owners within the standard 200-foot notice area. Council also discussed the importance of providing residents with information regarding the proposed appearance and design of the facility.

Mr. Atkins additionally provided general information regarding data center operations and explained the type of data center AMF Mission Critical LLC intends to develop in Glenn Heights.

2. Discussion and take action to approve Resolution R-29-26, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, affirming the appointment of a shared Board Member with the cities of Garland and Rowlett to serve on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board as provided in Section 452 of the Texas Transportation Code; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Pro Tem Travis Bruton introduced the item, provided an overview of the matter, and reviewed the actions taken and timeline leading up to its consideration. He also discussed the votes taken by the Cities of Garland and Rowlett regarding the issue and read correspondence from Jeff Winget, Mayor of Rowlett, concerning the matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruton requested that the item be postponed indefinitely. City Council then provided comments and feedback regarding the proposal.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that no action would be taken on this item

3. Discussion and take action to extend the terms of office for Zoning Board of Adjustment Members Ira Tate (Place 2), BranDee Hopgood (Place 4), and Thomas Spigener (Alternate 2), whose terms expired on April 30, 2026, and to extend the terms of office for Planning and Zoning Commissioners Shaleese Neugent (Place 2) and Brodrick K. Rhodes (Place 5), whose terms expired on June 30, 2026.

Council Member Shaunte Allen introduced the item and recommended extending the terms of office through September 22, 2026, and answered Council Member next steps for this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Travis Bruton made a motion to extend the terms of office for Zoning Board of Adjustment Members Ira Tate (Place 2) and Thomas Spigener (Alternate 2), whose terms expired on April 30, 2026, and to extend the terms of office for Planning and Zoning Commissioners Shaleese Neugent (Place 2) and Brodrick K. Rhodes (Place 5), whose terms expired on June 30, 2026, to September 22, 2026. Council Member Council Member Shaunte Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 4 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Allen, and Lightfoot

2 Nays – Hobbs and Washington

4. Discussion and take action on City Council Member Place 1 appointing one member to the Citizens Police Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 3, 2026.

Due to Council Member Sherron Mosley not being in attendance, Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Agenda Item 4 would be tabled to a future date.

5. Discussion regarding the final cost analysis associated with the proposed Annual Uniform Step Payment Plan.

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item, confirmed the date that employees received compensation, and answered questions related to a universal date to be used for future raises

6. Discussion regarding Donation Collection Boxes located throughout the City.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Agenda Item 6 would be tabled to a future date.

7. Presentation and discussion regarding the June 2026 Financial Reports.

Sherry Roberts, Finance Director, introduced this item and delivered a Presentation. Mrs. Roberts and Clifford Blackwell answered Council's questions related to a missing

Sherry Roberts, Finance Director, introduced the item and delivered a presentation.

Mrs. Roberts and Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, responded to Council's questions regarding a missed payment from Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the procedures established to ensure payments from external entities are received and tracked in the future, and the length of time those procedures have been in place. They also addressed questions concerning any unreconciled funds, the definition and purpose of nonspendable funds, whether the missed payment was identified during the audit process, the history of the General Fund balance, and the funds the City has received from DART. Council Member Shaunte Allen also commended Staff on the work they do for the City.

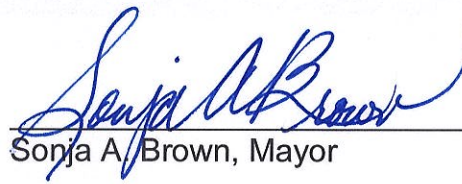
EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:
 - A. pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; and Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate land acquisitions for the E Bear Creek Road Right-of-Way Expansion Project.
2. The City Council shall reconvene into Open Session and take any action arising from Executive Session.

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, confirmed that there was no Executive Session update.

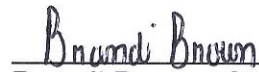
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 4th day of August 2026