

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

JUNE 21, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 21st day of June 2022, 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, Place 1
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member, Place 2
Travis Bruton	*	Council Member, Place 3
Alisha M. Brown	*	Council Member, Place 4
Shaunte L. Allen	*	Council Member, Place 5*
Machanta Newson	*	Council Member, Place 6

*Council Member Shaunte L. Allen arrived at 7:08 P.M.

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Clifford Blackwell	*	Deputy City Manager
Nick Bristow	*	Deputy Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Michael Davenport	*	Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Keith Moore	*	Director of Public Safety
Chris Patterson	*	Public Works Superintendent
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director
Nick Williams	*	Deputy Fire Chief
Laura Voltmann	*	City Planner

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 7:04 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Keith Moore, Director of Public Safety, delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EVENT

Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced the following Event:

- Glenn Heights Connect, Meadow Creek Neighborhood, June 24, 2022, 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were Public Comments.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read the following Proclamations:

- American Independence Day, July 4, 2022
- Recognition of Scholarship Recipient, Broderick Lowe II

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-2.

Council Member Travis Bruton requested that the Consent Agenda Items be voted on separately.

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the June 7, 2022, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

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

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

2. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-14-22, 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. (David Hall, City Manager)

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 2. Council Member Machanta Newson made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 6 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, A Brown, Allen, and Newson
1 Nay – Bruton

AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding the Annual Water Quality Report.

Council Member Travis introduced this item, and David Hall, City Manager, completed a presentation regarding TCEQ requirements and the City's background on meeting those requirements, and the 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

Mr. Hall answered Council's questions related to if the City is seeking out residents to provide samples for the City to meet TCEQ requirements.

2. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-08-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 1 "General Provisions", Article 1.02 "City Council"; Division 2 "Rules of Order and Decorum", Section 1.02.045 "Rules of Procedure and Decorum" to add a dress code provision; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item. City Council then had a discussion regarding why some Council Members felt there was a need for this amendment and if specific examples could be provided for attire that may have been considered inappropriate or offensive, personal accountability, and complaints received.

Mr. Hall and Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, answered Council's questions related to the City Staff Dress Code Policy and if any complaints had been received regarding City Council Member attire.

Council requested that Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, consider the following when modifying the presented Ordinance: the City Staff Dress Code Policy; implementing a Business Casual Policy; observing diverse religious, ethnic, and cultural practices; adding provisions regarding hats, caps, or head coverings; and being more specific about some items.

3. May 2022 Financial Report.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, completed a presentation regarding the City's revenues, expenditures, and fund balances as of May 2022.

Mr. Blackwell, David Hall, City Manager, and Mayor Harry A. Garrett answered Council's questions related to fund balances, days in reserve, operations without raising taxes, and how the amount of the Mayoral Initiative Scholarship was determined and which line item was used to fund it.

4. Glenn Heights Senior Center Update.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item. Michael Davenport, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, completed a presentation regarding Senior Center

marketing efforts, programming partners, daily scheduling, and the daily lunch program.

Mr. Davenport and Mr. Hall answered Council's questions related to ridership services, facility rental, dual spaces and programming, additional meal options, senior activities, donations, and volunteers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071(1)(A) consultation with City Attorney to seek legal advice regarding pending litigation: Lucas Benson v. City of Glenn Heights, Texas, et al, Cause No. DC-22-02743 in the 101st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to enter into Executive Session. 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

City Council went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

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

- A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071(1)(A) consultation with City Attorney to seek legal advice regarding pending litigation: Lucas Benson v. City of Glenn Heights, Texas, et al, Cause No. DC-22-02743 in the 101st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:21 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an engagement letter retaining the law firm of Fee, Smith & Sharp, L.L.P., with partner Darrell G-M Noga to be lead counsel, to provide a defense for the City and David Hall against all claims raised in a lawsuit filed by Lucas Benson, being Cause No. DC-22-02743 and that the legal expenses of the City and Mr. Hall be paid in accordance with the Code of Ordinances and this Council's prior action taken at its April 5, 2022 meeting, and authorize the City Manager to direct the Law Firm of Walker Bright to file a motion for substitution of counsel allowing that firm to withdraw from the case and naming Mr. Noga and Fee, Smith & Sharp as the counsel

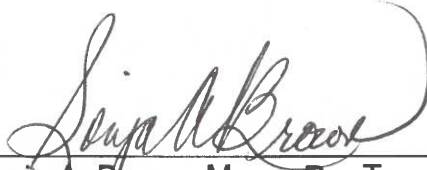
of record for the City and Mr. Hall. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

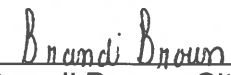
Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 19th day of July 2022