

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

AUGUST 2, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 2nd day of August 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:

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 Alisha M. Brown appeared virtually.

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Clifford Blackwell	*	Deputy City Manager
Nick Bristow	*	Deputy Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Charles Hight	*	IT Director
Keith Moore	*	Director of Public Safety
Nick Williams	*	Deputy Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

Victoria Thomas	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:07 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Travis Bruton delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EVENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown announced the following events:

- Glenn Heights Back to School Celebration in partnership with Red Oak ISD: August 6, 2022, 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., Red Oak High School, 220 TX-342, Red Oak, TX 75154
- Glenn Heights Back to School Celebration in partnership with DeSoto ISD: August 13, 2022, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., DeSoto High School, 600 Eagle Drive, DeSoto, TX 75115

PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Hall, City Manager, Glenn Heights, TX: thanked Regional Partners, the Glenn Heights Public Safety Department, City Staff, and volunteers/residents, who assisted the City during the recent grass fires.
- Keith Moore, Director of Public Safety, Glenn Heights, TX: thanked Regional Partners, the Glenn Heights Public Safety Department, City Staff, and volunteers/residents, who assisted the City during the recent grass fires.
- Sonja A. Brown, Mayor Pro Tem, Glenn Heights, TX: thanked Regional Partners, the Glenn Heights Public Safety Department, City Staff, and volunteers/residents, who assisted the City during the recent grass fires.
- Council Member Shaunte L. Allen, Glenn Heights, TX: thanked Regional Partners, the Glenn Heights Public Safety Department, City Staff, and volunteers/residents, who assisted the City during the recent grass fires.
- Council Member Emma Ipaye, Glenn Heights, TX: thanked Regional Partners, the Glenn Heights Public Safety Department, City Staff, and volunteers/residents, who assisted the City during the recent grass fires.
- Penny Story, Red Oak, TX: discussed a proposed Bond Election and Red Oak ISD Property in the City of Glenn Heights.
- Tiina Arjanen, Glenn Heights, TX: discussed her opposition to Consent Agenda Item 2.
- Robert Rodriguez, Glenn Heights, TX: thanked Regional Partners, the Glenn Heights Public Safety Department, City Staff, and volunteers/residents, who assisted the City during the recent grass fires, commended City Staff on the road repair/revitalization of City neighborhoods, and thanked those who reached out and/or donated to his family during their time of need.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the July 19, 2022, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

2. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-09-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 9 "Personnel", Article 9.04 "Office Of The City Manager"; Section 9.04.002, "Powers and Duties"; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading) (Victoria Thomas, City Attorney)

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown requested to remove Consent Agenda Item 2 for discussion. Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, confirmed the Ordinance needed no amendments.

Council Member Emma Ipaye made a motion table Consent Agenda item 2. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve \$0.632211 as the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022-2023).
2. Submit new Certified Tax Roll, No New Revenue Tax Rate, and Voter Approval Tax Rate to City Council. (Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced Agenda Items 1 and 2, and answered Council's questions related to each presented tax rate.

Council Member Emma Ipaye made a motion to approve \$0.632211 as the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022-2023). Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Presentation of reasons for absence(s) from Council Meetings and discuss and take action excusing absence(s) of Council Member Alisha M. Brown pursuant to Code of Ordinances Section 1.02.008(a)(2).

Council Member Alisha M. Brown stated she could not physically attend Council Meetings due to a personal illness. Due to this reason, she asked that her absences be excused.

Council Member Machanta Newson made a motion to excuse the February 15, 2022, March 1, 2022, and July 19, 2022, absences of Council Member Alisha M. Brown. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

4. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-17-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, acknowledging and accepting the automatic resignation of Council Member Shaunte L. Allen, Place 5, and declaring a vacancy in the Office Of Council Member Place 5 of the City of Glenn Heights; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen introduced this item and discussed her automatic resignation. She also confirmed that per State law, she is able to be in a holdover status until she is replaced.

Council Member Machanta Newson made a motion to approve Resolution R-17-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, acknowledging and accepting the automatic resignation of Council Member Shaunte L. Allen, Place 5, and declaring a vacancy in the Office Of Council Member Place 5 of the City of Glenn Heights; and providing an effective date. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

5. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-19-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing and calling for the November 8, 2022 Joint and General Election for the purpose of electing Mayor and Council Member Places 2, 4, and 6; authorizing and calling for the November 8, 2022 Special Election for the purpose of electing Council Member Place 5 to fill the unexpired term thereof; authorizing a joint election with other Dallas County and Ellis County political subdivisions; authorizing a contract for election services with Dallas and Ellis Counties; providing a runoff date; and providing an effective date.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, introduced this item.

Council Member Machanta Newson made a motion to approve Resolution R-19-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing and calling for the November 8, 2022 Joint and General Election for the purpose of electing Mayor and Council Member Places 2, 4, and 6; authorizing and calling for the November 8, 2022 Special Election for the purpose of electing Council Member Place 5 to fill the unexpired term thereof; authorizing a joint election with other Dallas County and Ellis County political subdivisions; authorizing a contract for election services with Dallas and Ellis Counties; providing a runoff date; and providing an effective date. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Machanta Newson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.



Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 16th day of August 2022