

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 13th day of September 2022, the City Council and the Employee Benefits Trust of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, met in a Regular Called 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 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
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director
Nick Williams	*	Deputy Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:07 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gary Clark, Glenn Heights, TX: discussed his support of Agenda item 9.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read the following Proclamations:

- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, 2022 – October 15, 2022
- Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2022
- Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve rescheduling the October 4, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting to October 11, 2022, due to City Council and Staff participation in the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-26-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing and calling for the December 13, 2022 Special Election, for the purpose of electing Council Member Place 1 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-2. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action on Ordinance O-15-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Glenn Heights, as heretofore amended, by changing the zoning classification from Planned Development 19/Single Family 3 ("PD 19/SF-3") to Planned Development 19/Single Family 3 with a Special Use Permit for In-Home Day Care ("PD 19/SF-3 SUP") for an approximately 0.22 acre tract of land described as Meadow Springs Subdivision Lot 12 Block 1 and being commonly known as 700 Shady Meadow, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance O-15-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Glenn Heights, as heretofore amended, by changing the zoning

classification from Planned Development 19/Single Family 3 ("PD 19/SF-3") to Planned Development 19/Single Family 3 with a Special Use Permit for In-Home Day Care ("PD 19/SF-3 SUP") for an approximately 0.22 acre tract of land described as Meadow Springs Subdivision Lot 12 Block 1 and being commonly known as 700 Shady Meadow, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

2. Discuss and take action on Ordinance O-11-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year shall be made in accordance with said Budget; appropriating and setting aside the necessary funds out of the general and other revenues for said Fiscal Year for the maintenance and operation of the various departments and for various activities and improvements of the City; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. (Second Reading)

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, including the proposed tax rate; operational funds; debt, special funds, and CIP; and the Make a Wish Project.

Mr. Hall answered Council's questions related to fees, Make a Wish Project funding, and ARPA Funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance O-11-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year shall be made in accordance with said Budget; appropriating and setting aside the necessary funds out of the general and other revenues for said Fiscal Year for the maintenance and operation of the various departments and for various activities and improvements of the City; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-23-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item.

Mr. Blackwell answered Council's questions related to the no new revenue rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution R-23-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

4. Discuss and take action on Ordinance O-12-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023) at a rate of \$0.632211 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights as of January 1, 2022, to provide revenue for the payment of current expenses; providing for an interest and sinking fund for all outstanding debt of the City of Glenn Heights; providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest; approving the estimated 2022 tax roll certified by the Chief Appraisers for Dallas and Ellis Counties as allowed by law; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. (Second Reading) (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item.

Mr. Blackwell answered Council's questions related to the no new revenue rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance O-12-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023) at a rate of \$0.632211 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights as of January 1, 2022, to provide revenue for the payment of current expenses; providing for an interest and sinking fund for all outstanding debt of the City of Glenn Heights; providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest; approving the estimated 2022 tax roll certified by the Chief Appraisers for Dallas and Ellis Counties as allowed by law; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council Member Machanta Newson made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

5. Discuss and take action on Ordinance O-13-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Annual Budget for the City of Glenn Heights, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. (Second Reading) (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance O-13-22, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Annual Budget for the City of Glenn Heights, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

6. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-27-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City's Job Classification Table by adding the Grade 19 position of Senior Financial Analyst; providing a repealing clause; and providing for an effective date.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item.

Mr. Blackwell answered Council's questions related to departmental positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution R-27-22, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City's Job Classification Table by adding the Grade 19 position of Senior Financial Analyst; providing a repealing clause; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

7. Presentation regarding Glenn Heights Senior Center programming and introduction of Teen Center services.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the reopening of the Senior Center, Senior Center marketing, and Teen Center programming.

Mr. Hall answered Council's questions related to Teen Center hours, rules, and programming; the Community Garden; a Glenn Heights Newsletter; building condition; rental rates; and possibly the Teen Center being a way to satisfy Community Service requirements.

8. Discussion on the Sister Cities Program.

Council Member Emma Ipaye introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the Sister City Mission and the purpose of a Sister City for Glenn Heights, and suggested a location.

Councilwoman Ipaye answered Council's questions related to the program. After discussion, you requested this item be placed on the October 11, 2022, City Council

Meeting.

9. Discuss and take action to freeze property taxes for seniors and implement a \$25,000 exemption for veterans.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding why she believed the freeze on property taxes is needed, discussed data related to the number of Seniors and Veterans living in Glenn Heights and their income, and provided projected amounts of future property tax payments.

Councilwoman Allen and David Hall, City Manager, answered Council's questions related to what is currently in place, how this change may impact the Budget, Ellis County standards, if other cities in the Best Southwest have adopted a similar Ordinance, why freeze taxes instead of increasing the exemption, if this program can be for all individuals, but based on income, and any State or Federal programs may exist that already address this issue.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made a motion to table this Agenda item indefinitely. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

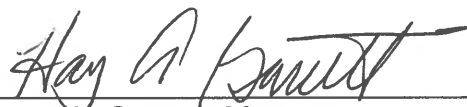
VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

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 record vote:

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

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.



Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 11th day of October 2022