



**NOTICE AND AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas will hold a Regular Called City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, located at 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154, as prescribed by Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Government Code Section §551.041, to consider and possibly take action on the following agenda items. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown in this meeting Notice and Agenda.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at <https://www.glennheightstx.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>.

This City Council Meeting will be live streamed at <https://www.glennheightstx.gov/229/City-Council-Meeting-Videos>.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

- Harry A. Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem-Elect

PUBLIC COMMENT

PROCLAMATIONS

- American Heart Month, February 2023
- Black History Month, February 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to appoint one (1) new member to serve on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee to fill a vacant seat in Place 4. (Nick Bristow, Deputy Chief of Police)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodations, please contact the City Secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the event at 972-223-1690 ext. 125 or email brandi.brown@glennheightstx.gov. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

I, Brandi Brown, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above Meeting Notice and Agenda was posted in a place convenient to the Public at Glenn Heights City Hall, 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 3, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to consult in closed session with its attorney at any time during the course of this meeting and to receive legal advice regarding any item listed on this agenda.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor ▪ City of Glenn Heights

American Heart Month February 2023

- WHEREAS,** Heart disease is a leading cause of death in the United States, claiming the lives of more than 650,000 people each year. During American Heart Month, we raise awareness of the risks of heart disease, remember those we have lost, and highlight steps we can all take to save the lives of countless loved ones and address the unequal burden of heart disease in high-risk communities; and
- WHEREAS,** through research and innovation, we have made considerable progress in recent years to advance our knowledge and treatment of heart disease. New technologies allow us to diagnose, prevent, and treat heart disease more rapidly and effectively than ever before. We also have a better understanding of heart disease risk factors, such as high blood pressure, bad cholesterol, smoking, being overweight or obese, and type 2 diabetes; and
- WHEREAS,** despite the significant progress we have made, heart disease continues to exact a heartbreaking toll – a burden disproportionately carried by black and brown Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and people who live in rural communities. Cardiovascular disease, including heart conditions and strokes, are also a leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths. Addressing these tragic disparities and improving heart health has never been more important; and
- WHEREAS,** engaging in regular physical activity, maintaining a healthy diet and weight, managing stress, avoiding smoking and vaping, and getting quality sleep each night can all reduce the risk of heart disease and help people live longer, healthier lives. While it is essential to see a health care professional if you have symptoms or risk factors related to heart disease, research shows that taking a little time each day to promote a healthy lifestyle can help improve your long-term heart health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sonja A. Brown, Mayor of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as **American Heart Month**, and I invite all residents to join me in recognizing and reaffirming our commitment to fighting cardiovascular disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

Sonja A. Brown, Mayor
Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor • City of Glenn Heights

Black History Month February 2023

WHEREAS, America's greatness is a testament to generations of courageous individuals who, in the face of uncomfortable truths, accepted that the work of perfecting our Nation is unending and strived to expand the reach of freedom to all. For too long, the most basic liberties had been denied to African Americans, and this month, we pay tribute to countless good-hearted citizens – along the Underground Railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama, and all across our country – who stood up and sat in to help right the wrongs of the past and extend the promise of America to all people; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied. As we rejoice in the victories won by men and women who believed in the idea of a just and fair America, we remember that, throughout history, our success has been driven by bold individuals who were willing to speak out and change the status quo; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we recognize these champions of justice and the sacrifices they made to bring us to this point. We honor the contributions of African Americans since our country's beginning, and we recommit to reaching for a day when no person is judged by anything but the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, our responsibility as citizens is to address the inequalities and injustices that linger, and we must secure our birthright freedoms for all people. Let us reflect on the sacrifices and contributions made by generations of African Americans, and let us resolve to continue our march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sonja A. Brown, Mayor of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as **Black History Month**. I call upon public officials, community leaders, and residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

Sonja A. Brown, Mayor
Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas



AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

February 7, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA, ITEM 1

Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Motion	
Second	
For	Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, Benford
Against	Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, Benford
Abstain	
Approve/ Deny/ Table	

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

JANUARY 17, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 17th day of January 2023, 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-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154, with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Sonja A. Brown	*	Mayor
Sherron Mosley	*	Council Member, Place 1
Harry A. Garrett	*	Council Member, Place 2
Travis Bruton	*	Council Member, Place 3
Stephanne Hale	*	Council Member, Place 4
Laymon M. Lightfoot	*	Council Member, Place 5
Cornel Benford II	*	Council Member, Place 6

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Clifford Blackwell	*	Deputy City Manager
Nick Bristow	*	Deputy Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Charles Hight	*	IT Administrator
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 Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., with quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Sherron Mosley delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamations:

- Recognition of the DeSoto Eagles Football Team, 2022 UIL-6A Division II State Champions
- School Board Recognition Month, January 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the December 21, 2022, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the January 3, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Council Member Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action electing a Mayor Pro Tem.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, introduced this item, and Mayor Sonja A. Brown conducted the election.

Council Member Harry A. Garrett nominated himself. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second.

Council Member Travis Bruton nominated himself. Council Member Stephanie Hale made the second.

Ms. Brown collected and tallied the ballots. Council Member Harry A. Garret received 5 votes and Council Member Travis Bruton received 2 votes.

Council Member Laymon M. Lightfoot made a motion to approve the Mayor Pro Tem election results, naming Council Member Harry A. Garrett Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Sherron Mosley made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

2. December 2022 Financial Reports.

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

3. Presentation of the Glenn Heights Police Department Third Quarter Crime Statistics Report.

Nick Bristow, Deputy Chief of Police, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding dispatched calls, total calls, arrests and traffic data, calls by priority/response times, Group A crimes, and Group B crimes.

Deputy Chief Bristow answered Council's questions related to response times, types of arrests, additional patrol units, and the possibility of obtaining average response times from other local agencies.

4. Presentation of the Glenn Heights Police Department Third Quarter Contact Report.

Nick Bristow, Deputy Chief of Police, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding contact data points, including traffic stops, race and ethnicity, street address or approximate location of stops, if searches were conducted during traffic stops and the reason why, if contraband was discovered, description of contraband located, results of stops, and motor vehicle contacts and demographics.

Deputy Chief Bristow answered Council's questions related to contraband and moving traffic violations.

5. Discuss and take action to appoint one (1) new member to serve on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee to fill a vacant seat in Place 4.

Council Member Stephanie Hale made a motion to table Agenda item 5 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

6. Discuss and take action to appoint two (2) alternate Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) members.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to appoint Brandon Coutts to Place 1A, with a term to expire on May 31, 2025, and to appoint Kevin Miles to Place 3A, with a term to expire on May 31, 2025. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 – consultation with City Attorney - to obtain legal advice regarding legal response options, including business disparagement claim, to continued publication of inaccuracies and allegations regarding City financial matters.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown convened into Executive Session at 7:58 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 – consultation with City Attorney - to obtain legal advice regarding legal response options, including business disparagement claim, to continued publication of inaccuracies and

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown reconvened into Open Session at 8: 53 P.M.

David Hall, City Manager, completed a presentation regarding the Executive Session item, including the background of the item, Council Member reimbursements, mailers, alleged campaign irregularities, and the financial condition of the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harry A. Garrett made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

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 7th day of February 2023



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