

**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.

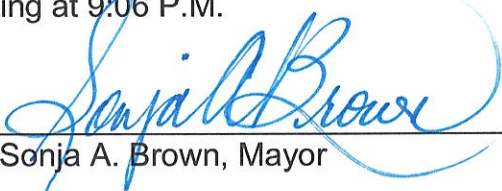
David Hall, City Manager, completed a presentation regarding the Executive Session item, including the background of the item, Council Member reimbursements, mailers, alleged campaign irregularities, and the financial condition of the City.

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

Brandi Brown, City Secretary

Passed and approved on the 7th day of February 2023