

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

JUNE 6, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 6th day of June 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
Travis Bruton	*	Council Member, Place 3
Stephanne Hale	*	Council Member, Place 4
Laymon Lightfoot	*	Council Member, Place 5
Cornel Benford II	*	Council Member, Place 6

STAFF:

Keith Moore	*	Interim City Manager
Clifford Blackwell	*	Deputy City Manager
Nick Bristow	*	Interim Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Keith Moore	*	Director of Public Safety
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Nick Williams	*	Interim 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 7:03 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Travis Bruton 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

The following Proclamations were read:

- Elder Abuse Awareness Month, June 2023, by Mayor Sonja A. Brown
- Pride Month, June 2023, by Mayor Sonja A. Brown
- National League of Cities - Small Cities Month, June 2023, by Council Member Travis Bruton
- Flag Day, June 14, 2023, and National Flag Week, June 11-17, 2023, by Council Member Stephanie Hale
- Juneteenth, June 19, 2023, by Council Member Laymon Lightfoot

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the May16, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the May23, 2023, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the May 30, 2023, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
4. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-11-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing the designation of personnel as signatories for financial transactions for Prosperity Bank, and providing for an effective date. (Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager)
5. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-12-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, designating signatories for financial transactions for the City's Investment Accounts at TexStar; and providing for an effective date. (Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager)
6. SIGN-001-23: Receive notification of the Sign Control Board (SCB) approving SCB Case SIGN-001-2023, a variance request by Sarah Peters on behalf of AutoZone Parts Inc to reduce the front setback of a masonry pylon sign located at 215 E. Ovilla Road, Glenn Heights, Ellis County, Texas. (Ashlie Jones, City Planner)

Mayor Sonja A. Brown and Council Member Travis Bruton requested to withhold Consent Agenda Item 6 for discussion.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 5 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Ashlie Jones, City Planner, introduced Consent Agenda Item 6. Ms. Jones and Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to the purpose of the item and other available actions.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 6. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 5 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to reappoint one (1) member to serve on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy in Place 1.

Nick Bristow, Interim Chief of Police, introduced this item. As Council Member Sherron Mosley was absent, by proxy, Mayor Sonja A. Brown was allowed to reappoint Cartney Slaughter based on Councilman Mosley's request. Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, witnessed Councilman Mosley giving Mayor Brown the authority to reappoint Mr. Slaughter on his behalf by phone.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a motion to reappoint Cartney Slaughter to the Citizens Police Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy in Place 1. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 5 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

2. Update on attendance to the National League of Cities and participation on the Small Cities Council.

Council Member Travis Bruton introduced this item and completed a presentation related to three programs, including My Healthy Hometown, CGI Digital, and LexiPool – Grant Finder.

Councilman Bruton and Keith Moore, Interim City Manager, answered Council's questions related to the City Manager's office searching for and applying for grants, how information related to My Healthy Hometown will be disseminated, CGI business sponsorships, and if the City Council will be able to view the production video prior to publication.

3. Discuss and take action to reschedule or cancel the July 4, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting due to the City's observance of the federal holiday, Independence Day.

Keith Moore, Interim City Manager, introduced this item.

Council Member Stephanie Hale made a motion to reschedule the July 4, 2023, City Council Meeting to July 11, 2023. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 5 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

4. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-13-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing an Agreement of Cooperation for the Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program with Dallas County for a period of three years; providing an effective date.

Keith Moore, Interim City Manager, introduced this item.

Council Member Cornel Benford II made a motion to approve Resolution R-13-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing an Agreement of Cooperation for the Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program with Dallas County for a period of three years; providing an effective date. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 5 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

5. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-14-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and previously allocated CDBG Funds, including allotted CDBG Funds and CDBG CARES Funds for specific projects all such available CDBG Funds to be utilized for the Top of the Hill Subdivision Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements and related documents with Dallas County for said grants and projects; designating the City Manager or his designee as are presentative for all matters related to the projects; and providing an effective date.

Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Development Services and completed a presentation regarding the site location, scope of work, and past CDBG funding. Mr. Pourazizian answered Council's questions related to the scope of work, how the site was chosen, future funding for projects, and if such programs were available in Ellis County.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Resolution R-14-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and previously allocated CDBG Funds, including allotted CDBG Funds and CDBG CARES Funds for specific projects all such available CDBG Funds to be utilized for the Top of the Hill Subdivision Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements and related documents with Dallas County for said grants and projects; designating the City Manager or his designee as are presentative for all matters related to the projects; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following

record vote:

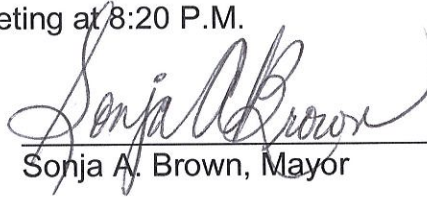
VOTE 5 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Stephanie Hale made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 20th day of June 2023