

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

MAY 16, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 16th day of May 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
Harry A. Garrett	*	Mayor Pro Tem
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

*Council Member Laymon Lightfoot arrived at 7:15 P.M.

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager Emeritus
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
Jerry Wallace	*	Parks and Recreation Superintendent
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 7:12 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gail Dutcher, address on file: expressed opposition to a Zoning change related to RZ001-23.
- John Reliford, address on file: expressed opposition to a Zoning change related to RZ001-23.

RECOGNITION

- Claude Mathis, Head Football Coach, DeSoto High School, presented Mayor Sonja A. Brown with a signed football by the DeSoto Eagles Football Team, 2022 UIL-6A Division II State Champions.

PROCLAMATIONS

The following Proclamations were read:

- National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, May 6-7, 2023, by Mayor Sonja A. Brown
- Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, by Council Member Travis Bruton
- High School Senior Recognition Month, May 2023, by Mayor Sonja A. Brown
- National Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2023, by Council Member Stephanie Hale
- National Stroke Awareness Month, May 2023, by Council Member Cornel Benford II

EVENT

- Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following event: Glenn Heights Connect, May 19, 2023, 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., Stone Creek Neighborhood, intersection of Cinnamon Springs Street and Gypsum Lane

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

David Hall, City Manager Emeritus, introduced the following new Staff:

- Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the May 2, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the May 8, 2023, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-01-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City of Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, "Fee Schedule", to add Youth and Corporate Membership Rates and Waiver of Community Center Monthly Membership Fee for City Employees

and City Council Members; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. (Second Reading) (Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager)

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-3. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Receive and discuss presentation by Community Waste Disposal's (CWD) annual report to Council and cost estimate for a transition to once per week recycling service.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item. Greg Roemer, CWD President, completed a presentation regarding the 2022 Annual Review and 2023 Cost Adjustment, and provided information related to service modifications.

Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Roemer answered Council's questions related to level of service, waste being left behind by the trucks, bundle sizes, why service fees are being increased and some services are not being provided, and marketing strategies.

2. Presentation on Glenn Heights Community Center Programming.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to table this Agenda item. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Discuss and take action to reappoint three (3) members to serve on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee to fill vacant seats in Places 1, 3, and 5.

Nick Bristow, Interim Chief of Police, introduced this item. He explained that since Council Member Sherron Mosley was not present, the appointment for Place 1 will be postponed. Council Member Travis Bruton reappointed Shaleese Neugent and Council Member Laymon Lightfoot reappointed Dana Brown.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to reappoint Shaleese Neugent to the Citizens Police Advisory Committee for a term beginning May 16, 2023, and ending May 16, 2025, and to reappoint Dana Brown to the Citizens Police Advisory Committee for a term beginning May 16, 2023, and ending May 16, 2025. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

4. Discuss and take action authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement with a search firm for executive recruitment services.
David Hall, City Manager Emeritus, introduced this item.

Mr. Hall answered Council's questions related to pricing and any past experiences.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement with Strategic Government Resources for executive recruitment services for a City Manager, for a professional fee not to exceed \$24,900.00. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

5. Discuss and take action on the city receiving a license for Grant Finder.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to table this Agenda item to the June 6, 2023, Council Meeting. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

6. Presentation of the April 2023 Financial Report.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, completed a presentation regarding the City's revenues, expenditures, and fund balances as of April 2023.

Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Hall answered Council's questions related to sales tax revenue and the water meter replacement project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:
 - A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, to obtain legal advice regarding an ethics complaint received against a Council Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Council convened into Executive Session at 9:01 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 Attorney, to obtain legal advice regarding an ethics complaint received against a Council Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

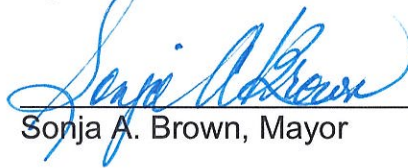
Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:35 P.M. and that no action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

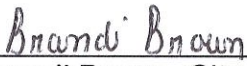
VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 6th day of June 2023