

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

AUGUST 1, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 1st day of August 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
Sherron Mosley	*	Council Member, Place 1
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
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Parviz Pourazizian	*	Director of Planning & Development Services
Nick Williams	*	Interim Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

Chris Stimpson	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Taylor, Harvest of Ministry, 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.

RECOGNITIONS

Interim Fire Chief Nick Williams and Jason Callahan presented the Glenn Heights Life Saving Award to the following member of the Glenn Heights Fire Department due to their actions on Wednesday, July 5, 2023:

- Engineer Sean Kelly
- Firefighter/Paramedic Geoof Wesson
- Firefighter/EMT Joshua Lascano
- Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Bysak

Interim Chief Willams explained that the award is given to those who, in attempting to rescue, can demonstrate they have saved a victim's life.

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following events:

- Glenn Heights Back to School Bash in partnership with DeSoto ISD: August 5, 2023, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., DeSoto High School, 600 Eagle Drive, DeSoto, TX 75115
- Glenn Heights Back to School Bash in partnership with Red Oak ISD: August 5, 2023, 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., Red Oak High School, 220 TX-342, Red Oak, TX 75154

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the July 11, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the July 18, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Plat Case PP-007-23: Discuss and take action to approve a Preliminary Plat request by Shawne Walter, on behalf of Alex Blake for Freedom Church Addition, an addition to the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, being 6.044 acres, situated in the Samuel Clark Survey, Abst. No. 249 and M.L. Swing Survey, Abst. No. 1455, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas. (Parvis Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services)
4. Plat Case FP-007-23: Discuss and take action to approve a Final Plat request by Shawne Walter, on behalf of Alex Blake for Freedom Church Addition, an addition to the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, being 6.044 acres, situated in the Samuel Clark Survey, Abst. No. 249 and M.L. Swing Survey, Abst. No. 1455, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas. (Parvis Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services)

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Submit new Certified Tax Roll, No New Revenue Tax Rate, and Voter Approval Tax Rate to City Council.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the current Tax Rate, No New Revenue Rate, Voter-Approval Tax Rate, and De Minimis Rate.

2. Discuss and take action on a partnership between the City of Glenn Heights and the Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce.

Keith Moore, Interim City Manager, introduced this item.

Clint Woodward, President and CEO, Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce, completed a presentation regarding the history of the Chamber, an overview of their major events and other activities, their organizational structure, and services provided.

Mr. Woodard answered Council's questions related to current members, the City Liaison position, voting rights, and the criteria to serve on the Chamber's Board.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to table this Agenda Item to the September 5, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Discuss and take action authorizing the City Manager to allocate ARPA funds to be used for future expenditures in a total amount not to exceed \$3,319,739 for the purchase of Public Safety vehicles and for costs associated with public improvement projects in the Top of The Hills and Lindell Estates neighborhoods.

Keith Moore, Interim City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding ARPA funding history and details related to ARPA funds to be used for future expenditures, including a ladder truck, 2 ambulances, and a Ford F-150 utility vehicle for the Fire Department; 2 CID Ford Explorers for the Police Department; and costs associated with public improvement projects in the Top of The Hills and Lindell Estates neighborhoods.

Mr. Moore answered Council's questions related to funding for the ladder truck, ambulance life expectancy, current number of ambulances, and current mechanical issues with the ambulances.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve authorizing the City Manager to allocate ARPA funds to be used for future expenditures in a total amount not to exceed \$3,319,739 for the purchase of Public Safety vehicles and for costs associated with public improvement projects in the Top of The Hills and Lindell Estates neighborhoods. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 5515.071 – Consultation with City Attorney – to seek legal advice regarding request for information from developer of proposed Paradise Estates.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council went into Executive Session at 7:48 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 5515.071 – Consultation with City Attorney – to seek legal advice regarding request for information from developer of proposed Paradise Estates.

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, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

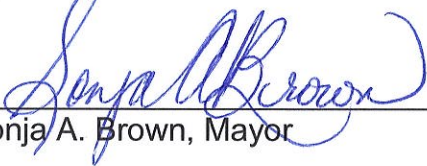
Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:57 P.M. and that no action would be taken on the Executive Session item.

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:

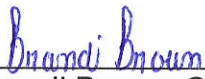
VOTE 7 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:58 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 1st day of August 2023