

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 12th day of September 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, Place 2
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
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Nick Bristow	*	Interim Chief of Police
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Parviz Pourazizian	*	Director of Planning & Development Services
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 7:06 P.M., with a 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:

- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, 2023 – October 15, 2023
- Constitution Week, September 17 – 23, 2023

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following Events:

- Cops & Coffee, September 16, 2023, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M., Yummi Donuts, 1308 East Bear Creek, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- City-Wide HOA Meeting, September 26, 2023, 6:00 P.M., City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Texas Night Out, October 3, 2023, 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., City Center Courtyard, 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the August 15, 2023, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-10-23 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2023 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the Company to reimburse ACSC'S reasonable ratemaking expenses; repealing Article 13.07 "Natural Gas Rate sand Charges" of the City's Code Of Ordinances; determining that this Ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this Ordinance to the Company and the ACSC's legal counsel.(Second Reading) (Victoria Thomas, City Attorney)
3. Discuss and take action excusing the absences of Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett from the June 6, 2023, and August 8, 2023, City Council Meetings pursuant to Code of Ordinances Section 1.02.008(a)(2). (Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett)

Council Member Cornel Benford, II 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 7 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-08-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. (Second Reading) (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item and completed a brief presentation regarding the overall budget process, an overview of revenues and expenditures for the operating budget and capital improvements, the proposed tax rate, major operating funds, capital improvement projects, and supplemental requests.

Mr. Blackwell answered Council's questions related to Community Engagement Line Items and modifying a Budget prior to the end of a Fiscal Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Ordinance O-08-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. 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

2. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-22-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Resolution R-22-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. 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

3. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-09-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023-2024) at a rate of \$0.564729 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas. (Second Reading) (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item and completed a brief presentation regarding the Maintenance and Operations Rate (General Fund) and the

Interest and Sinking Rate (Debt Fund); the current tax rate; and the No-New Revenue, Voter Approval, and De Minimis Tax Rates; and provided tax levy per tax rate, average residential tax levy comparison, 10-year tax rate history, appraisal value, and tax levy history information.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.564729 which is effectively a 2.90 percent increase in the tax rate. 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

4. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-11-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances by repealing and replacing Article 6.03, “Food Service Regulations” of Chapter 6 “Health and Sanitation,” and amending Appendix A “Fee Schedule” at Section A4.001 “Food Service Fees”; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning & Development Services, introduced this item and discussed the proposed amendments.

5. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-12-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City of Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances, by amending Appendix A - Master Fee Schedule.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to table this item to the September 19, 2023 Meeting. Council Member Travis Bruton 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 closed, Executive Session:
 - A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 – Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Manager.

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 7:32 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 551.074 – Personnel Matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Manager.

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

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

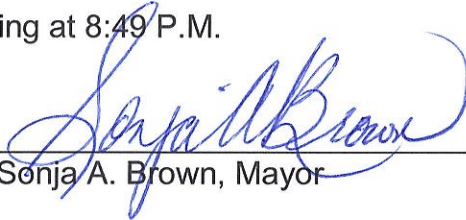
Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:49 P.M. and that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Cornel Benford, II made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Travis Bruton 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 8:49 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary

Passed and approved on the 3rd day of October 2023