

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

AUGUST 8, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 8th day of August 2023, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, met in a Special 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
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

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ivy Batiste, Jr.: address on file – discussed his disagreement with the Glenn Heights Parks and Recreation Membership Policy.

AGENDA

1. Formal Presentation of the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Glenn Heights, in conformance with the City of Glenn Heights Home Rule Charter, Section 7.02, Preparation and Submission of Budget.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item and completed a 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, Keith Moore, Interim City Manager, and Chris Stimpson, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to Public Works facilities; funding for park improvements; priority improvements; absorbing increased fees for employee insurance benefits; the estimated property tax rate; differences between tax rates; cost of living adjustments; mandated screenings for certain Public Safety personnel; ambulance replacements; unfunded requests; the General Fund balance; and Capital Improvement Projects.

2. Discuss and take action to approve \$0.564729 as the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the year 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023-2024). (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager introduced this item.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve \$0.564729 as the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the year 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023-2024). Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Announce the Public Hearing and anticipated adoption dates for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, Proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate, and Amended Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Clifford Blackwell, Deputy City Manager, announced September 5, 2023, as the Public Hearing Date, and September 19, 2023, as the Adoption Date for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, Proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate, and Amended Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to confirm September 5, 2023, as the Public Hearing Date, and September 19, 2023, as the Adoption Date for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, Proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate, and Amended Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

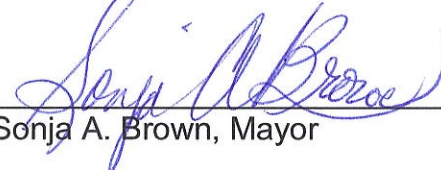
VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

ADJOURNMENT

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

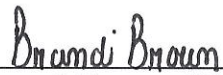
VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:33 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 5th day of September 2023