

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

DECEMBER 5, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 5th day of December 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
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:

Clifford Blackwell	*	City Manager
Keith Moore	*	Deputy City Manager
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Nick Bristow	*	Chief of Police
Parviz Pourazizian	*	Director of Planning & Development Services
Sherry Roberts	*	Finance Director
Nick Williams	*	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 8:03 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown 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.

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following events:

- Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration, December 8, 2023, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., City Center, 1938 S Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Season of Service - Nominate a Neighbor (Christmas Holiday Meal Basket) - December 11, 2023 - December 22, 2023

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Cliff Blackwell, City Manager, made the following Staff Introductions:

- Jonathan Ocasio, Police Officer
- Mathew Lopez, Animal Control Officer

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-37-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, designating the *Focus Daily News* as the Official Newspaper of the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas; providing a repealing clause and providing for an effective date. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Acknowledge receipt of the October 2023 Financial Reports. (Sherry Roberts, Finance Director)
4. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-38-23, 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. (Sherry Roberts, Finance Director)
5. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-39-23, 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. (Sherry Roberts, Finance Director)

Council Member Travis Bruton requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 2 for discussion.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, and 5. 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

2. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-37-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, designating the *Focus Daily News* as the Official Newspaper of the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas; providing a repealing clause and providing for an effective date.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, answered Council's questions related to compensation to *Focus Daily News*.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 2. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot, made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-35-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, approving a Funding Agreement between the City of Glenn Heights and the Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same; providing an effective date.

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item to Council and discussed some final changes requested by the Chamber.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Resolution R-35-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, approving a Funding Agreement between the City of Glenn Heights and the Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same; and providing an effective date, and approving the changes to Sections 2.4A and 2.4E. 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

2. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-15-23, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas repealing and replacing Article 1.09, Code of Ordinances, City of Glenn Heights, Texas adopting a City Seal or Logo, providing for the authorized use of the City Seal or Logo, providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a motion to table Agenda Item 2 until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Council Member Travis Bruton, made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-40-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, casting its vote for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, introduced this item.

After Mayor Sonja A. Brown polled Council, Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Resolution R-40-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, casting its vote for Carrie Gordon for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District. Council Member Stephanie Hale, made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Glenn Heights Fire Department

- A. Nicholas Williams, Fire Chief, announced that Joshua Lascano, Glenn Heights Firefighter/EMT, was being recognized at an Awards Presentation during the December Public Safety Commission meeting being held in Austin, Texas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into closed, Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to the Government Code, Section 551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations to discuss or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect to wit: B Southwest Energy Storage, LLC.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot 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, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that City Council convened into Executive Session at 8:28 P.M.

2. The City Council shall reconvene into open Session and take any action resulting from closed, Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to the Government Code, Section 551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations to discuss or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect to wit: B Southwest Energy Storage, LLC.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot 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 6 Ayes – Brown, 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.

AGENDA

4. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-34-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with B Southwest Energy Storage, LLC; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Resolution R-34-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with B Southwest Energy Storage, LLC; and providing an effective date. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

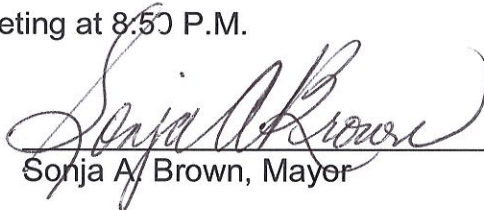
VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Mosley, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Stephanie Hale, 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 8:50 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 9th day of January 2024