

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

MAY 4, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 4th day of May 2021, 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 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154, with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Harry A. Garrett	*	Mayor
Sonja A. Brown	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member
Travis Bruton	*	Council Member
Alisha M. Brown	*	Council Member
Shaunte L. Allen	*	Council Member
Machanta Newson	*	Council Member

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Michael Rogers	*	Deputy City Manager
Lucas Benson	*	Interim Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Marlon Goff	*	Planning and Development Director
Byron Hardy	*	IT Administrator
Miamauni Hines	*	Planner
Keith Moore	*	Fire Chief
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director

CONSULTANT:

Victoria Thomas	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:10 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Ruben Conner, Jr., Community Bible Church of Dallas, delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Harry A. Garrett led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Anderson, Glenn Heights, Texas, read the following statement:

"My name is lying Troll Keyboard Warrior. I live down here on Crazy Top, in the little town that just couldn't. By that description, you know who I am. They are names that the Mayor and Council Members have given me. I'm here to make a formal complaint. The Mayor Pro-Tem denies getting my emails (along with Ron Adams, ex Councilman). The Mayor just does not reply. Newson arrogantly says she didn't respond because she sadly said it was not addressed to her. The City Manager, David Hall, says I'm lying, and post "Photo-Shopped" pictures. Speaking of Ron Adams, to be a Council Member in Glenn Heights, you must live here. He and Jeremy Woods were "Held Over". Yes, you can do that, yet, the law states only if the City does not have citizenship requirements. As-Per the States Attorney General. I have put in a "work order" on the city's website. The app is no longer there. Moving things around all the time is a way to deceive and lie in an unethical manner. There was a leak around the fire hydrant at Joe Top and Pearly Top. The city removed the fire hydrant and never replaced it – and there are missing signs at Joe Top and Sleepy Top. Post and signs are missing – Joe Top/Sleepy Top sign and a Children at Play sign. Shaunte came to talk to me and had to call and ask me which way to turn? If it's that bad for a Council Member, what about everyone else? We can't seem to get things fixed by the City; so, once the problems start after the new developers leave, we are convinced they will not be corrected. There is/was (a) barbed wire fence and t-post approximately 300 feet from the back of my house. There is some kind of Ordinance that dictates the distance of anything being built behind our existing homes. No notice of that Ordinance when it was taken away, because a developer wanted it. A Texas Ethics question? Or a State's Attorney Question? There are Electric lines/post fire hydrants along that easement. We believe there should be an alley at the existing easement to allow fire trucks and utility trucks to have access to the fire hydrants. At least an "improved surface" as Council was concerned when first asked about closing off Tin Gee Top Road. So, this proves by Council and City Manager's actions, it's not safety you're concerned about, it's to save the developers money. Yet again, a developer wanted it. Texas Ethics question? Or a State's Attorney question? Nicholas Williams accused me of harassing Mr. Lockley. So, holding a City official (accountable) for his actions is considered harassment, since when? Ethics question again. Accusations of a crime by a City Official is not only unethical, it's punishable by the law. Let's call the Texas Rangers and the Texas Ethics Commission and sit down and we all take a lie detector test? I will. Will you? Or are you cowards? Or just plain guilty? Is this a Texas Rangers question? Ethics question again."

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read the following Proclamations:

- Cinco de Mayo, May 5, 2021
- National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2021

- Mother's Day, May 9, 2021
- National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 16-22, 2021

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, introduced the following Staff:

- Charles Brad Lowery, Inspector
- Larry Warren, Groundskeeper

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the April 13, 2021, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the April 20, 2021, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-07-21, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glenn Heights by amending Chapter 15, "Development Regulations", Article 15.01 "Sign Regulations", Division 3 "Different Sign Types" by amending Section 15.01.062 "Permanent Signs -Attached" at its Subsection (A-2) and by amending Section 15.01.063 "Permanent Signs - Detached" at its Subsections (A) and (A-1); providing a repealing clause, providing a severability clause, and providing an effective date. (Second Reading) (Miamauri Hines, City Planner)

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-3. Council Member Machanta Newson made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the Citizens Police Advisory Committee Appointees.

Lucas Benson, Interim Chief of Police, introduced this Agenda Item and completed a presentation regarding Ordinance Terms by Seat language, the Citizens Police Advisory Committee Appointees, and the current implementation schedule.

The following Appointees introduced themselves, provided a brief background of their experience, and stated why they were interested in serving on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee:

- Margo Spencer

- Scott Harris
- Ruben Conner, Jr.
- Dana Brown

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to confirm the Citizens Police Advisory Committee Appointees for the following terms, and for the Places listed in the following order:

Place	Council Member	Name	Term
Mayor	Harry A. Garrett	Arlen Taliferro	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2024
Place 1 - Mayor Pro Tem	Sonja A. Brown	Cartney Slaughter	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2023
Place 2	Emma Ipaye	Ruben Conner, Jr.	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2024
Place 3	Travis Bruton	Scott Harris	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2023
Place 4	Alisha M. Brown	A Tuckwilkerson	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2024
Place 5	Shaunte L. Allen	Dana Brown	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2023
Place 6	Machanta Newson	Margo Spencer	05/04/2021 - 05/04/2024

Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

2. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-11-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing the establishment, funding, and implementation of the Winter Storm 2021 Home Repair Incentive Program, to be funded in the total amount of \$250,000.00, for the purpose of providing a one-time grant up to a maximum grant amount of \$500 to owners of homes located in the City of Glenn Heights that suffered water damage due to Winter Storm 2021, said program to be managed by the City's Office of Community Engagement; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen introduced this Agenda Item and completed a presentation regarding a brief history of the events leading up to this item being placed on the Agenda and factors that will be considered, including funding, eligibility amount, number of participants, and eligible participants. Councilwoman Allen also discussed the program's parameters, and provided additional information related to eligible participants, program administration, eligibility requirements, and population details. She also provided a comparison between the proposed Glenn Heights Winter Storm 2021 Home Repair Incentive Program and similar programs being administered in the Cities of Laredo and Dallas. Councilwoman Allen thanked those who provided input on the program and completed research.

Councilwoman Allen, David Hall, City Manager, and Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to who will perform inspections, the cost of inspections, and when they may be necessary.

Council Members discussed concerns regarding the proposed program and other factors to be considered, including the need to upgrade the City's infrastructure, operating budgets, program requirements, the comparisons made to other cities, who will administer the program, other necessary City projects, fees already waived to assist with Winter Storm 2021, and actions the City Manager has taken regarding citizen input for City projects.

Council Member Alisha M. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution R-11-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing the establishment, funding, and implementation of the Winter Storm 2021 Home Repair Incentive Program, to be funded in the total amount of \$250,000.00, for the purpose of providing a one-time grant up to a maximum grant amount of \$500 to owners of homes located in the City of Glenn Heights that suffered water damage due to Winter Storm 2021, said program to be managed by the City's Office of Community Engagement; and providing an effective date. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion failed with the following vote:

VOTE 3 Ayes – Bruton, A. Brown, and Allen

4 Nays – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, and Newson

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-13-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, authorizing the establishment, funding, and implementation of the Winter Storm 2021 Senior Residents Home Repair Incentive Program, to be funded in the total amount of \$200,000.00, for the purpose of providing a one-time grant up to a maximum grant amount of \$200 to senior owners of homes located in the City of Glenn Heights that suffered water damage due to Winter Storm 2021, said program to be managed by the City's Office of Community Engagement; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to table Agenda Item 3 indefinitely.

Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Travis Bruton made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Bruton, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

Mayor Harry A. Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.



Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 18th day of May 2021