

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

AUGUST 6, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 6th day of August 2024, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, met in a Regular 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

*Council Member Laymon Lightfoot arrived at 7:11 P.M.

*Council Member Travis Bruton foot arrived at 7:33 P.M.

STAFF:

Clifford Blackwell	*	City Manager
Keith Moore	*	Deputy City Manager
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Nick Bristow	*	Chief of Police
Jefferie Kent	*	Information Technology Support Specialist
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director
Parviz Pourazizian	*	Director of Planning & Development Services
Sherry Roberts	*	Finance Director
Andrew Waits	*	Public Works Superintendent
Nicholas Williams	*	Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

Lan'tiqua M. Burks	*	City Attorney's Office
Kevin B. Laughlin	*	City Attorney's Office

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

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITIONS

Nick Bristow, Chief of Police, awarded the following Officers with Glenn Heights Police Department Commendations:

- Sergeant Ellis Register
- Officer Trevontae McNealy

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lindi Ensley, address on file: discussed issues related to the Glenn Heights Animal Shelter

STAFF INTEDUCTIONS

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

- Charles Admire II, Paramedic
- Jamie Gonzalez, Record & Property Clerk
- Charles Nicholson, Police Officer
- Yana Ndingwan, Police Officer
- Alejandro Rodriguez, Paramedic
- Memorie Doblado, Customer Service Clerk
- Samantha Willis, Paramedic

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following events:

- Back to School Bash, August 10, 2024, 8:00 A.M. - Noon, Glenn Heights City Center and Community Center, 1938 South Hampton Road
- Glenn Heights 55th Anniversary Celebration, September 14, 2024, 4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., Glenn Heights Heritage Park, 400 East Bear Creek Road

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the July 2, 2024, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the July 9, 2024, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
3. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-20-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas adopting and approving a joint Resolution of the Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Glenn Heights, Hutchins, Lancaster, and Wilmer, Texas (the "Cities") establishing a partnership between the cities in support of

identifying a Master Plan location within District 109 for the purpose of increasing quality of life through holistic, green economic development, following Blue Zone Guidelines and providing an effective date. (Mayor Sonja A. Brown)

Council Member Cornel Benford II made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-3. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

Presentation and discussion regarding a Red Oak Chamber of Commerce and City of Glenn Heights joint event.

Clint Woodward, President/ CEO, Red Oak Chamber of Commerce, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding a 2025 BBQ Event Proposal, including the event details, a possible name, similar local events, and what is being requested from Glenn Heights.

Mr. Woodward answered Council's questions related to the location, possible profits, working with the School Districts, and incorporating other City events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:

- A. pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations – and section 551.071 –Consultation with Attorney - to receive legal advice and discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that it seeks to have locate, stay, or expend in or near the territory of the City and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such business prospect, to wit: Project Data Center.

Council Member Cornel Benford II made a motion to convene into closed, Executive Session. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Council convened into closed, Executive Session at 7:33 P.M.

The City Council shall reconvene into Open Session and take any action arising from Executive Session.

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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that Council reconvened into open session at 8:50 P.M. and that no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Darlene Miller, address on file: discussed issues related to animal welfare and the Snip in the Bud Initiative

AGENDA

2. Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding Ordinance O-15-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City of Glenn Heights Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Plan and Zoning Map, as previously amended, by granting Planned Development Zoning from Residential (PD-16B, Ordinance O-734-02) to Planned Development (PD-30) with base zoning of "I" – Industrial to allow for a Data Center and Electrical Substation on a 140.984+/- acre tract of land situated in Abstract 1118 of the John F. Porter Survey, City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, located at 1118 Uhl Road, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas.

Council Member Cornel Benford II made a motion to open the Public Hearing. 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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that the Public Hearing was opened at 9:03 P.M.

- Cheryl Ann Felger, address on file: spoke regarding their opposition to this Ordinance.
- Tammy Johnson, address on file: spoke regarding their opposition to this Ordinance.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to close the Public Hearing. 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 the Public Hearing was closed at 8:56 P.M.

3. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-15-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City of Glenn Heights Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Plan and Zoning Map, as previously amended, by granting Planned Development Zoning from Residential (PD-16B, Ordinance O-734-02) to Planned Development (PD-30) with base zoning of "I" – Industrial to allow for a Data Center

and Electrical Substation on a 140.984+/- acre tract of land situated in Abstract 1118 of the John F. Porter Survey, City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, located at 1118 Uhl Road, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas.

Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning & Development Services, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the requested zoning amendment.

Mr. Pourazizian and Dan Grant, Senior Associate with Kimley-Horn, answered Council's questions related to setbacks and the distance this facility would be from residential homes, landscaping, possible pollution and run-off, private streets.

4. Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding Ordinance O-16-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, by amending Section 1 ("Use Charts") of Article XI ("Permitted Uses") of Exhibit 14A ("Zoning Ordinance") of Chapter 14 ("Zoning") to amend the Land Use Chart of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to open the Public Hearing. 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 the Public Hearing was opened at 9:35 P.M.

Hearing no testimony, Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to close the Public Hearing. 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 the Public Hearing was closed at 9:35 P.M.

5. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-16-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, by amending Section 1 ("Use Charts") of Article XI ("Permitted Uses") of Exhibit 14A ("Zoning Ordinance") of Chapter 14 ("Zoning") to amend the Land Use Chart of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning & Development Services, introduced this item and completed discussed proposed changes to the City's Land Use Charts.

6. Submit new Certified Tax Roll, No New Revenue Tax Rate, and Voter Approval Tax Rate to City Council.
7. Discuss and take action to approve \$0.565015 as the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the year 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024-2025). (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced items 6 and 7, and completed a presentation regarding Section 26 of the Tax Code, Dallas and Ellis Counties Certified Tax Rolls, and City of Glenn Heights tax rates.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve \$0.565015 as the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the year 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024-2025). 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

8. Announce the Public Hearing and anticipated adoption dates for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Proposed 2024 Property Tax Rate. (Clifford Blackwell, City Manager)

A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget: Public Hearing Date - September 3, 2024, and anticipated adoption date - September 10, 2024

B. Proposed 2024 Property Tax Rate: Public Hearing Date - September 3, 2024, and anticipated adoption date - September 10, 2024

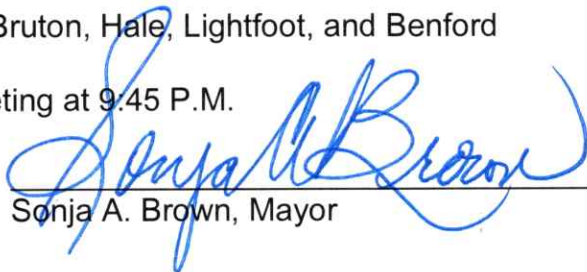
Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, announced the above dates.

ADJOURNMENT

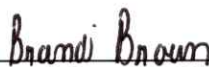
Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Stephanie Hale made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.


Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:


Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 20th day of August 2024