

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

JANUARY 23, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 23rd day of January 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, Place 2
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
Barrett Albright	*	Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Nick Bristow	*	Chief of Police
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Parviz Pourazizian	*	Director of Planning & Development Services
Andrew Waits	*	Utility Superintendent
Nick Williams	*	Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

Lan'Tiqua Burks	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments made.

PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION OF A KEY TO THE CITY

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamation:

- Recognition of the DeSoto Eagles Football Team, 2023 UIL-6A Division II State Champions

Council Member Cornel Benford II presented Coach Claude Mathis with a Key to the City.

RECOGNITION

Nicholas Williams, Fire Chief, presented Joshua Lascano, Glenn Heights Firefighter/EMT, with the Chief's Commendation Award for being recognized by the State of Texas Public Safety Commission for the acts he displayed while off-duty on January 31, 2023.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Mayor Sonja A. Brown administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Elect, Harry A. Garrett.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced a brief recess for refreshments at 7:16 P.M. Mayor Brown reconvened the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamation:

- Black History Month, February 2024

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following Events:

- Groundbreaking Ceremony - Glenn Heights All Abilities Park, January 31, 2024, 6:00 P.M., Glenn Heights City Hall, 1938-C South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Black History Month Showcase, February 2024, 6:00 P.M., Glenn Heights Community Center, 1938-D South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

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

- Brandon Lampkin, Utility Worker II
- Terence Taylor, Police Officer
- Sir Fabian Freeman, Human Resources Generalist
- Andrew Waits, Utility Superintendent

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acknowledge receipt of the December 2023 Financial Reports. (Sherry Roberts, Finance Director)
2. Discuss and take action to approve 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. (Second Reading) (Keith Moore, Deputy City Manager)
3. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-03-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Exhibit 14A "Zoning Ordinance", Article IX "Zoning Districts", Section 4 "Overlay and Special Districts" at Subsection IX.4.2 "PD-Planned Development District" by amending section C "Planned Development Requirements"; providing a penalty clause; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. (Second Reading) (Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning & Development Services)
4. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-41-23, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, renumbering, readopting, and ratifying a Resolution previously adopted as Resolution No. R-24-23 on September 19, 2023, to readopt and ratify the Council's action appointing Directors to the Board of Directors of the Glenn Heights Housing Finance Corporation; providing a repealing clause; and providing for an effective date. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-04-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances, by amending Appendix A "Fee Schedule" at Article A12.000 "Parks and Recreation" at Section A12.001 "Parks and Recreation" at Subsection (C) "Community Center Membership Fees"; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. (Second Reading)

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item and discussed why the Ordinance addressed Employee/Staff usage fees, and explained that Council Member

Cornel Benford II's request to modify the Ordinance as it related to Membership Fees for the immediate Family Members of Council Members had been removed.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to approve Ordinance O-04-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances, by amending Appendix A "Fee Schedule" at Article A12.000 "Parks and Recreation" at Section A12.001 "Parks and Recreation" at Subsection (C) "Community Center Membership Fees"; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

2. Discuss and take action on the Glenn Heights Library Card Voucher Program.

Mayor Sonja A. Brown introduced this item and Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, answered Council's questions regarding the number of vouchers mentioned in the Interlocal Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement regarding the Glenn Heights Library Card Voucher Program with the City of DeSoto. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-02-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, 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 and completed a presentation regarding the election and candidates.

After Mayor Sonja A. Brown polled Council, Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to approve Resolution R-02-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, casting its vote for Michael Hurtt as the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Glenn Heights Fire Department

Nicholas Williams, Fire Chief, announced the following Staff Promotions:

- Deputy Chief Chad Moore

- Jason Cates, Captain
- Jeff Wesson, Engineer; and

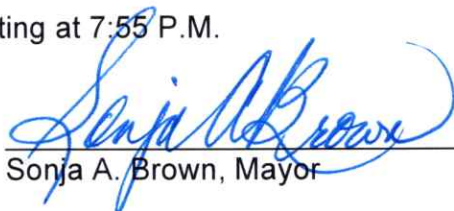
that Ladder Truck 301 went into service on January 23, 2024, and will become the Departments frontline vehicle on April 1, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

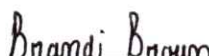
VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Bruton, Hale, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 6th day of February 2024