

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

OCTOBER 1, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 1st day of October 2024, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas met 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
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 and Recreation Superintendent
Nick Bristow	*	Chief of Police
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Parviz Pourazian	*	Director of Planning and Development Services
Sherry Roberts	*	Finance Director
Andrew Waits	*	Public Works Superintendent
Nicholas Williams	*	Fire Chief

CONSULTANT:

David Berman	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

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 COMMENT

- Dwight Smith, address on file: addressed concerns regarding noise and traffic.
- Preston Arceneaux, Jr., address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Gregory Wafford, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Venus Conner, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Arlen Taliaferro, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Matthew Chaffin, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Nelda Washington, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Cynthia Dixon, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Cynthia Morrison, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Danny Osborne, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Ngozi Nwosu, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Tira Moore, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3
- Leon Tate, address on file: discussed their opposition to Agenda Item 3

RECOGNITION

Mayor Sonja A. Brown delivered a Proclamation honoring Captain Honore Britton of the Glenn Heights Fire Department for his dedicated service to the City and extending heartfelt wishes for his safety as he embarks on his deployment.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Council Member Cornel Benford II read World Teachers' Day, October 5, 2024
- Council Member Sherron Mosley read Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2024
- Mayor Sonja A. Brown read Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2024
- Council Member Laymon Lightfoot read National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2024
- Mayor Sonja A. Brown read National Walk to End Alzheimer's Month, October 2024

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following events:

- Hispanic Heritage Month Festival, October 7, 2024, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., City Center, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Fall Festival, October 31, 2024, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., City Center, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the September 3, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 1. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

City Council Meeting – October 1, 2024

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-28-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, accepting and approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Leadership Southwest, Inc., establishing a collaborative partnership for developing leadership experiences for Southwest Dallas and Northern Ellis Counties; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement on the City's behalf.

Council Member Travis Bruton introduced this item. Leadership Southwest, Inc. representatives Jason Ruiz, Amanda Skinner, and Kenneth Govan discussed Leadership Southwest's long-standing partnership with the City and planned future endeavors between both entities.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Resolution R-28-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, accepting and approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Leadership Southwest, Inc., establishing a collaborative partnership for developing leadership experiences for Southwest Dallas and Northern Ellis Counties; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement on the City's behalf. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

2. Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding Ordinance O-20-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Plan, and Zoning Map of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, as previously amended, by amending the Planned Development zoning of a 41.167+/- acre tract out of a 199.7+/- acre tract generally located at the Southwest corner of East Bear Creek Road and US Interstate Highway 35 E, in the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, and being more particularly described and depicted in the exhibit "A" hereto; providing for certain tracts within the property to be used for commercial and single-family residential purposes; adopting Development Regulations and a Concept Plan.

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 6 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that the Public Hearing was open at 8:14 P.M.

Hearing no testimony, Mayor Sonja A. Brown 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 6 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Lightfoot, and Benford

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that the Public Hearing was closed at 8:15 P.M.

3. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-20-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Plan, and Zoning Map of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, as previously amended, by amending the Planned Development zoning of a 41.167+/- acre tract out of a 199.7+/- acre tract generally located at the Southwest corner of East Bear Creek Road and US Interstate Highway 35 E, in the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, and being more particularly described and depicted in the exhibit "A" hereto; providing for certain tracts within the property to be used for commercial and single-family residential purposes; adopting Development Regulations and a Concept Plan.

Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services, introduced this item and completed a presentation. Mr. Pourazizian, Randal Carrington with James Brown Partners, and Mike Collins with Bloomfield Homes, answered Council's questions related to open spaces, housing price point, anticipated traffic, project timelines, possible HOA information, and commercial areas.

4. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-27-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, nominating candidates for the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors for the Year 2025.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, introduced this item and completed a presentation.

After Council discussion, Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution R-27-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, nominating Council Member Travis Bruton and Machanta Newson as candidates for the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors for the Year 2025. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:12 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 17th day of December 2024