

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 17th day of September 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
Laymon Lightfoot	*	Council Member, Place 5
Cornel Benford II	*	Council Member, Place 6

*Council Member Travis Bruton arrived at 7:17 P.M.

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
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:

Courtney Morris	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sonja A. Brown called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:10 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 COMMENT

- Mayor Sonja A. Brown, address on file: read a letter from Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett congratulating the City on its 55th Anniversary and expressed condolences for the passing of Judge Remeko Edwards' son, Raymond Dewayne Murphy Jr.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamations:

- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, 2024 – October 15, 2024
- Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2024
- National GEAR UP Week, September 23-27, 2024

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced the following events:

- Texas Night Out, October 1, 2024, 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., City Center Courtyard, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Hispanic Heritage Month Festival, October 7, 2024, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., City Center, 1938 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154
- Fall Festival, October 31, 2024, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 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 August 27, 2024, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Acknowledge receipt of the August 2024 Financial Reports. (Sherry Roberts, Finance Director)
3. Zone Change: Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-19-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Plan and Map of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, as amended, by granting a change in zoning from Business Park Commercial (BP-C Ordinance 843-07) to Commercial (C) and granting a Special Use Permit for long term or permanent open storage for a 5.00 +/- acre tract of land described as Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, of Block B, of the Willow Run Addition, City of Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas, and being commonly known as 1523 South Beckley Road, Glenn Heights, Dallas County, Texas. (Second Reading) (Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services)
4. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-25-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, approving a Negotiated Settlement

between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2024 Rate Review Mechanism Filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; and requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses. (Keith Moore, Deputy City Manager)

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-6. 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

AGENDA

1. Discussion to receive input from City Council regarding Fiscal Year 2024-2025 first quarter Community Engagement Events.

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item, completed a presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 first quarter Community Engagement Events, and received feedback from the Council and addressed their questions.

2. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-26-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City's Employee Step Pay Compensation Plan.

Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, introduced this item and discussed amending the City's Employee Step Pay Compensation Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Harry A. Garrett made a motion to approve Resolution R-26-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City's Employee Step Pay Compensation Plan. 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

3. Discuss and take action on Ordinance O-18-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. (Record Vote) (Second Reading)

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget.

Mr. Blackwell answered Council's questions related to salary increases, benefit costs, and decreases in various budget line items.

Council Member Sherron Mosley made a motion to approve Ordinance O-18-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 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

4. Discuss and take action on Ordinance O-20-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024-2025) at a rate of \$0.565015 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas. (Record Vote) (Second Reading)

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2024 at a rate of \$0.565015 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to approve Ordinance O-20-24, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024-2025) at a rate of \$0.565015 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas. 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

5. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-24-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. (Record Vote)

Clifford Blackwell, City Manager, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

Council Member Travis Bruton made a motion to approve Resolution R-24-24, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

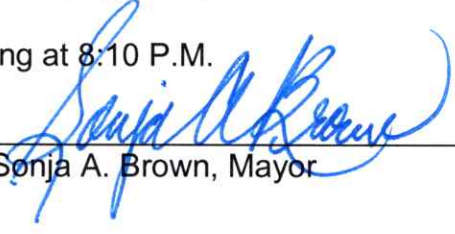
VOTE 6 Ayes – Brown, Garrett, Mosley, Bruton, Lightfoot, and Benford

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 8:10 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary

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Passed and approved on the 12th day of November 2024