

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

APRIL 1, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *

CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 1st day of April 2025, 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
Cornel Benford II	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Sherron Mosley	*	Council Member, Place 1
Harry A. Garrett	*	Council Member, Place 2
Travis Bruton	*	Council Member, Place 3
Stephanne Hale	*	Council Member, Place 4
Laymon Lightfoot	*	Council Member, Place 5

STAFF:

Clifford Blackwell	*	City Manager
Keith Moore	*	Deputy City Manager
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Dr. Glynell Horn	*	Chief of Police
Kathi Morgan	*	IT Administrator
Dr. LaSheyla Jones	*	City Planner
Parviz Pourazizian	*	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 7:02 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Harry A. Garrett delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamations:

- National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, April 13-19, 2025
- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 13-19, 2025
- National Safe Digging Month, April 2025

EVENTS

Mayor Sonja A. Brown made the following event announcements:

- Glenn Heights Connect, April 11, 2025, 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., location to be determined
- Community Clean-Up, April 12, 2025, 8:00 A.M. – Noon, Glenn Heights Heritage Park, 400 E Bear Creek Road, Glenn Heights, Texas

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

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

- Isis Rojas, Customer Service Clerk I
- Terry Slaybaugh, Police Officer
- Oscar Serrato, Police Officer
- Emilia Ramires, Police Officer
- Rondell Solid, Utility worker I
- Dr. Glynell Horn, Chief of Police

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sonja A. Brown requested to remove Item 3 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

1. Discussion and take action to approve the Meeting Minutes of the February 18, 2025, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-06-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Glenn Heights, Texas, by amending Article 15.01 ("Sign Regulations") of Chapter 15 ("Development Regulations"); to amend Sections 15.01.011, 15.01.063 and 15.01.064. (Second Reading) (Dr. LaSheyla Jones, City Planner)

Council Member Sherron Mosley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

Mayor Pro Tem Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Discussion and take action to approve Resolution R-10-25, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, updating and setting an automatic renewal of the Agreement between the City of Glenn Heights and the Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce.

Keith Moore, Deputy City Manager, answered Council's questions related to future auto-renewals and Glenn Heights voting privileges.

Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 3. Mayor Pro Tem Cornel Benford II made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

AGENDA

1. Discussion and presentation on the Close-Up Washington DC Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Cornel Benford II, introduced this item and the participants - Alyssa Moore, YaMun Hempstead, Marquis Sasser, Ryan Smith, Ni'ah Fisher, Brooke Roberson, Jesus Guerrero, Vicente Chavez, Ginger McClure, and Uchenma Nwaizu, and thanked all those who made this endeavor possible. Each student and chaperone discussed their experiences and expressed gratitude for this opportunity.

2. Discussion and take action to approve Ordinance O-05-25, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Glenn Heights, Texas, by amending Section 15.02.094 of Division 4 ("Fence and Screening Regulations") of Article 15.02 ("Landscape and Screening Regulations") of Chapter 15 ("Development Regulations") to add new provisions relating to permissible fencing and fence heights. (Second Reading)

Dr. LaSheyla Jones, City Planner, introduced this item. Dr. Jones and Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services, answered Council's questions related to fence height and setback.

Mayor Pro Tem Cornel Benford II made a motion to approve Agenda Item 2 as written. Council Member Laymon Lightfoot made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

3. Replat Case RP-02-25: Discussion and take action to approve a replat request for a 9.091 acre tract of land, Lot 1R-1 thru 1R-6, Block 1, being a replat of a portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Vista at Williams Farms, an addition to the City of Glenn Heights, Ellis County, Texas, being situated in the William C. Denton Survey, Abstract No. 295, City of Glenn Heights, Ellis County, Texas, also known as 604 S. Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Ellis County, Texas.

Dr. LaSheyla Jones, City Planner, introduced this item. Dr. Jones and Parviz Pourazizian, Director of Planning and Development Services, answered Council's questions related to the history of this request.

Council Member Sherron Mosley made a motion to approve Agenda Item 3 as written. Council Member Stephanie Hale made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

4. Discussion and take action for the City Council to appoint up to two members each to the Charter Review Commission and select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from the appointed members.

Council Member Travis Bruton, introduced this item.

Council Members made the following appointments:

Sonja A. Brown, Mayor – Marcel Howard
Cornel Benford II, Mayor Pro Tem – Christi Pierce
Sherron Mosley, Council Member, Place 1 – Carolyn Kelley
Harry A. Garrett, Council Member, Place 2 – Cartney Slaughter
Travis Bruton, Council Member, Place 3 – Torrey Williams and Shelby Gooden
Stephanne Hale, Council Member, Place 4 – Kenya Lawrence

Mayor Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve the above appointments and to delegate the selection of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to the appointed Commissioners at their first meeting. Council Member Harry A. Garrett made the second. The motion carried with the following record vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:
 - A. pursuant to the Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at S Uhl Road, Glenn Heights, Texas.

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

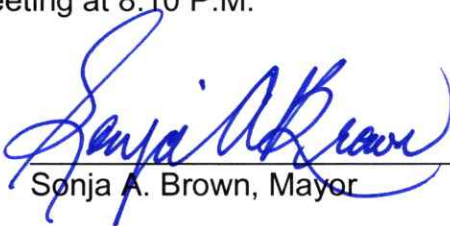
Mayor Sonja A. Brown announced that the Executive Session had been removed from the Agenda as no discussion was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Sonja A. Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.



Sonja A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 17th day of June 2025