

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

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS *
CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS *

On the 18th day of February 2020, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights met in a Regular meeting at the Glenn Heights City Hall, City Council Chambers, in Glenn Heights, Texas located at 1938 South Hampton Road with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Harry A. Garrett	*	Mayor
Sonja A. Brown	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member
Jeremy Woods, Sr.	*	Council Member
Ron Adams	*	Council Member
Shaunte L. Allen	*	Council Member
Machanta Newson	*	Council Member

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Brian Lockley	*	Deputy City Manager
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Priscilla Burch-Scott	*	Finance Director
V.E. Dooley	*	Chief of Police
Marlon Goff	*	Economic Development Administrator
Byron Hardy	*	IT Administrator
Mia Hines	*	Planner
Keith Moore	*	Fire Chief
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director

CONSULTANT:

Victoria Thomas	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Charles Ragsdale from Church of the Living God delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Harry A. Garrett led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown, 1938 S. Hampton Rd., Glenn Heights, TX, 75154 – Acknowledged the dedication and efforts of City Staff for a successful opening of the Glenn Heights Senior Center, and thanked Staff for their hard work and perseverance.

Isaac Burren, 1906 Drake St., Glenn Heights, TX, 75154 – Discussed the growing concern of the quality of education for Glenn Heights students who attend DeSoto ISD and his disagreement of a previous City Council discussion related to developing and implementing a Glenn Heights ISD. Mr. Burren suggested that City Council instead find out if and how a Glenn Heights resident may be placed on the DeSoto ISD School Board.

Sonya Cole-Hamilton, Chief of Staff, DeSoto ISD, 200 E. Beltline Rd, DeSoto, TX, 75146 – Provided a handout regarding transportation options for students at the Oso Grande Community and asked that after review, any immediate questions be directed to David Hall, City Manager. She also confirmed that she would be present at an upcoming Council Meeting to provide a full presentation related to this matter.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown read the following Proclamation:

- American Red Cross Month, March 2020

Council Member Machanta Newson read the following Proclamation:

- Women's History Month, March 2020

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read the following Proclamation:

- Texas Independence Day, March 2, 2020

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read letters of recognition for the following:

- Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. – Texas Municipal League, Certificate of Recognition
- Council Member Shaunte L. Allen – Texas Municipal League, Certified Municipal Official Designation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Rodriguez, 137 Milas Ct., Glenn Heights, TX 75154 – Congratulated Council Members Woods and Allen on their Texas Municipal League recognitions and discussed concerns regarding his belief that the Mesa Community is being ignored. He also stated that he has been unable to obtain information regarding published improvements for the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of the February 4, 2020, City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of the February 11, 2020, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2. Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

AGENDA

1. Discuss and approve design options for the City Center Project.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item. Eric Grossman, Grossman Design Build Architect, completed a formal presentation of the City Center Project, which included information related to drainage, site work and topography, site utilities, building designs, and costs.

David Hall, Eric Grossman, Brian Grossman (Grossman Design Build – Partner), and Randy Eardley (Wier and Associates, Inc. – Sr. Associate Project Manager) answered Council's questions related to parking and campus entrances, building access, a drainage pond, aesthetics of a drainage pond, color options, if a City Center facility could serve as an emergency shelter, growth options, and amenities. The discussion also included the approval of a detention drainage pond and design option 1 color palette.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve design options for the City Center Project. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Rodriguez, 137 Milas Ct., Glenn Heights, TX 75154 – Thanked Eric Grossman for the work he and his team had done on the City Center Project, and asked that the City consider parking issues, trash and litter, increased traffic flow, and drainage issues, which he believes will be impacted by City development projects.

Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced a brief break. Council reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

2. Discuss and take action rescinding the City Council's June 5, 2018, authorization for the City Manager to construct a new Public Works Facility (or Public Works Services Facility) as a part of the new City Facilities authorized on that date; said rescinding not to affect the validity of any other portion of the grant of authority provided on June 5, 2018.

Mayor Harry A. Garrett introduced this item to Council. David Hall, City Manager, answered Council's questions related to capital funds, project funding, where employee positions/functions are housed, and if this topic would be a future item to consider.

Council Member Emma Ipaye made a motion to rescind the City Council's June 5, 2018, authorization for the City Manager to construct a new Public Works Facility (or Public Works Services Facility) as a part of the new City Facilities authorized on that date; said rescinding not to affect the validity of any other portion of the grant of authority provided on June 5, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

3. Discuss and take action authorizing the City Manager to negotiate purchase and development agreements for the vacant city-owned property located at approximately 2500 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, TX 75154.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen, 1938 S. Hampton Rd., Glenn Heights, TX, 75154 – Expressed that she enjoyed the Black History Month Program and the interactions between the panelists and residents. She also suggested that future programming be centered around children and cultivating the youth in the community.

Continuation of Agenda Item 3:

Marlon Goff, Economic Development Administrator, completed a formal presentation, which included information related to concept plans for three proposed areas, two development teams that have been identified, proposed development incentives, and the project's next steps. Mr. Goff answered Council's questions regarding development timeframes and various development options.

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate purchase and development agreements for the vacant city-owned property located at approximately 2500 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, TX 75154. Council Member Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 6 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, and Newson
1 Nay – Allen

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 8 Barton Avenue, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154;
 - B. pursuant to the Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at 2402 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154; and
 - C. pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to convene into Executive Session. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

City Council convened into Executive Session at 9:52 P.M.

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:58 P.M.

Council Member Ron Adams made a motion to extend the Council Meeting to 11:00 P.M. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to reconvene into Executive Session. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

City Council reconvened into Executive Session at 10:01 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Council Member Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 10:58 P.M.

Council Member Ron Adams made a motion to extend the Council Meeting to 11:20 P.M. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to reconvene into Executive Session. Council Member Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

City Council reconvened into Executive Session at 10:59 P.M.

Council Member Ron Adams made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 11:15 P.M.

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

- A. conducted pursuant to Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at 8 Barton Avenue, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154;

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made a motion to authorize the City Manager to obtain an appraisal and take any steps necessary to offer and sale the property located at 8 Barton Avenue by the sealed bid process. Council Member Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

- B conducted pursuant to Section 551.072, Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at 2402 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas, 75154; and

No action was taken.

- C. conducted pursuant to Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve an amendment to the City Manager's employment agreement to increase the compensation to a \$160,000.00 base salary annually. Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

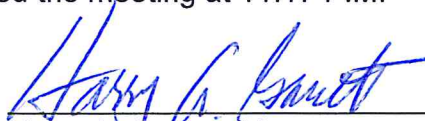
VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to adjourn. Council Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

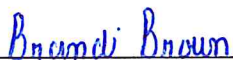
VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, Brown, Ipaye, Woods, Adams, Allen, and Newson

Mayor Harry A. Garrett adjourned the meeting at 11:17 P.M.



Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 3rd day of March 2020