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

APRIL 7, 2020

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

On the 7th day of April 2020, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights met in a Regular Called meeting via video conference 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
Phillip Conner	*	Finance Director
V.E. Dooley	*	Chief of Police
Marlon Goff	*	Economic Development Administrator
Byron Hardy	*	IT Administrator
Keith Moore	*	Fire Chief
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director

CONSULTANT:

Victoria Thomas	*	City Attorney's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Harry A. Garrett read the following Proclamation:

- National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25, 2020

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of the March 17, 2020, Special Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

2. Discuss and take action to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of the March 17, 2020, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

3. Discuss and take action to approve the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021. (Phillip Conner, Finance Director)

Council Member Ron Adams made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-3. 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

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown from the Special Called and Regular Called City Council Meetings on March 17, 2020.

   Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown introduced this item and provided the reason for her absence.

Council Member Ron Adams made a motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown from the Special Called and Regular Called City Council Meetings on March 17, 2020. Council Member Machanta Newson made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. Discuss and take action acknowledging receipt of Waste Management's Rate Increase notice.

   David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item. Mr. Hall and Ryan Frazier, Public Sector Manager for Waster Management, answered Council's questions related to contractual obligations and the rate increase amount. Council requested that Waste Management consider delaying the increase due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and asked that Mr. Frazier return to a

Council Meeting for a follow-up after he had time to discuss the issue with his employer.

3. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-09-20, a Resolution of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, implementing a temporary suspension of late fees imposed on residents as the result of late payments of all utility bills during the State of Local Disaster declared by the Mayor and continued by the City Council; providing for the repeal of any and all resolutions in conflict; providing for severability clause; and providing an effective date.

   Council Member Shaunte L. Allen introduced this item. David Hall, City Manager, and Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to how long the Resolution would be active.

Council Member Ron Adams made a motion to approve Resolution R-09-20, a Resolution of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, implementing a temporary suspension of late fees imposed on residents as the result of late payments of all utility bills during the State of Local Disaster declared by the Mayor and continued by the City Council; providing for the repeal of any and all resolutions in conflict; providing for severability clause; and providing an effective date. 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

4. Discuss and take action to determine that circumstances involving public urgency or other important public purpose require that Ordinance O-06-20 be adopted after consideration at only one meeting.

   Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director introduced this item.

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made a motion determining that circumstances involving public urgency or other important public purpose require that Ordinance O-06-20 be adopted after consideration at only one meeting. 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

5. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-06-20, an Ordinance of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, repealing Ordinance O-04-20 which amended the City's Personnel Policy by adding a new Section 6.17 Emergency Pandemic Leave; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

   Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, introduced this item. Mrs. Porter-Brathwaite, David Hall, City Manager; and Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to the differences between

Ordinance O-04-20 and Ordinance O-06-20 and clarified that the City will continue to follow current Family and Medical Leave Act policies.

Council Member Emma Ipaye made a motion to approve Ordinance O-06-20, an Ordinance of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, repealing Ordinance O-04-20 which amended the City's Personnel Policy by adding a new Section 6.17 Emergency Pandemic Leave; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session:

   A. pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney to receive legal advice related to postponing the May 2, 2020 Special Election to Fill a Vacancy.

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to convene into Executive 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 convened into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.

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

   A. conducted pursuant to Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney to receive legal advice related to postponing the May 2, 2020 Special Election to Fill a Vacancy.

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 8:06 P.M.

Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced no action had been taken during Executive Session.

AGENDA

6. Discuss and take action to approve Resolution R-08-20, a Resolution of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, postponing the Special Election to be held on the 2nd day of May, 2020, for the purpose of electing a member of the Glenn Heights City Council for Place 4; rescheduling that election to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election date; reserving the right and authority to reschedule this election to such other date as may be allowed by law and approved by subsequent Resolution; designating polling places; authorizing execution of joint election contracts for the November 3, 2020 Election; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

   Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, introduced this item and discussed the advisory issued by the Texas Secretary of State related to this matter.

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to approve Resolution R-08-20, a Resolution of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, postponing the Special Election to be held on the 2nd day of May, 2020, for the purpose of electing a member of the Glenn Heights City Council for Place 4; rescheduling that election to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election date; reserving the right and authority to reschedule this election to such other date as may be allowed by law and approved by subsequent Resolution; designating polling places; authorizing execution of joint election contracts for the November 3, 2020 Election; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. 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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to adjourn. 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

Mayor Harry A. Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:

Brandi Brown

Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 21st day of April 2020