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

OCTOBER 1, 2019

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

On the 1st day of October 2019, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights met in a Regular meeting of the City of Glenn Heights City Council 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
Ron Adams * Mayor Pro Tem
Sonja A. Brown * Council Member
Tony Bradley * Council Member
Jeremy Woods, Sr. * Council Member
Shaunte L. Allen * Council Member
Machanta Newson * Council Member

STAFF:
David Hall * City Manager
Brian Lockley * Deputy City Manager
Brandy Brown * City Secretary
Priscilla Burch-Scott * Finance Director
Vernell Dooley * Chief of Police
Keith Moore * Fire Chief
Marion Goff * Economic Development Administrator
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite * Human Resources Director
Steven Martin, Jr. * Director of Public Works & Infrastructure
Mia Hines * Planner
Byron Hardy * IT Administrator

CONSULTANT:
Victoria Thomas * City Attorney’s Office

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION
Minister H. Clay Williams of North Glenn Heights Church of Christ delivered the Invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS
- Paul Alley, Glenn Heights Community, Community Manager, 499 East Bear Creek, Glenn Heights, TX 75154: Commented on Agenda Item 2 - DeSoto ISD Bus Service to Glenn Heights Community Mobile Home Development. He stated the proposed service plan was not sufficient and that he is requesting additional assistance from City Council. Mr. Alley also thanked Councilmembers that had come out to the Glenn Heights Community Mobile Home Development and had contacted DeSoto ISD regarding this issue.

- Nick Williams, President of the Glenn Heights Professional Firefighters Association, PO Box 29, Glenn Heights, TX 75154: Stated that due to negative comments he had seen regarding the actions of City Council and City Management on social media outlets, the Glenn Heights Professional Firefighters Association and the Glenn Heights Fraternal Order of Police wanted to make a joint statement in support of the City Council and City Management. He commended City Council and City Management for approving a lower tax rate, increasing staff salaries, and on the groundbreaking for new facilities.

PROCLAMATIONS
The following Proclamations were read:
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Fire Prevention Week – October 6-12, 2019
- Walk to End Alzheimer’s Day – October 19, 2019
- Councilman Jeremy Woods, Sr. – Birthday

EVENTS
Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced the following events:
- Glenn Heights Movie Night – October 5, 2019, 7:30 P.M., Heritage Community Park, 400 East Bear Creek Road, Movie: Planes – Fire & Rescue

- Swearing-In Ceremony – Chief of Police and Fire Chief, October 15, 2019, 5:30 P.M. (Harvest of Praise Ministry, 2603 South Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, TX 75154)

INTRODUCTIONS
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite, Human Resources Director, introduced Priscilla Burch-Scott, the new Finance Director; and David Hall, City Manager, announced the promotions of Vernell Dooley to Chief of Police and Keith Moore to Fire Chief.

Council took a brief break, from 7:41 P.M. to 7:55 P.M., for a reception to Celebrate the promotions of Vernell Dooley to Chief of Police and Keith Moore to Fire Chief.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Special Called City Council Meeting.

2. Discuss and take action to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of the September 17, 2019 City Council Meeting.

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-27-19, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas adopting use of voting tabulation system and services in the General Election for the City of Glenn Heights, Texas through Joint Election Services Contract with Dallas County, Texas. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

4. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-28-19, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas adopting use of voting tabulation system and services in the General Election for the City of Glenn Heights, Texas through Joint Election Services Contract with Ellis County, Texas. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

5. Discuss and take action authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County Health and Human Services for inspection services of food establishments within the City of Glenn Heights jurisdiction and for provision of other environmental health services to the City of Glenn Heights for a one-year period beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. (Deputy City Manager, Brian Lockley)

6. Provide notice of decision of the Development Regulation Variance Board (DRVB) denying DRVB Case# 19-006-DRV, a variance request for two properties owned by Gregory Washington. The legal description for each of these properties is Lot 31 & Lot 32, Block 8 of the Lindell Estates Subdivision zoned SF-3. Section 15.04.004(b) of the City’s Code of Ordinances states no garage shall open to the road frontage giving public view into the interior. The applicant requests to build homes with front-entry, front-facing garages. (Brian Lockley, Deputy City Manager)

7. Provide notice of decision of the Development Regulation Variance Board (DRVB) denying DRVB Case# 19-007-DRV, a variance request for two properties owned by Jeremiah Rodriguez. The legal description for each of these
properties is Lot 33 & Lot 34, Block 8 of the Lindell Estates Subdivision zoned SF-3. Section 15.04.004(b) of the City's Code of Ordinances states no garage shall open to the road frontage giving public view into the interior. The applicant requests to build homes with front-entry, front-facing garages. (Brian Lockley, Deputy City Manager)

8. Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance O-05-19, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the City of Glenn Heights Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, "Fee Schedule" to affirm Fee Schedule modifications and to affirm

Councilwoman Sonja A. Brown made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 8. Mayor Pro Tem Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**AGENDA**

1. Discuss and take action on a Final Plat request by Goodwin & Marshall on behalf of Starlight Homes Texas, LLC for Stone Creek Phase IIIA and Stone Creek Phase IIIB. Phase IIIA is proposed for 166 lots and Phase IIIB is proposed for 96 lots. The 93.378-acre property is zoned PD-10A and is situated in the James J. Clayton Survey, Abstract No. 211, Glenn Heights, Ellis County, Texas. The property is currently undeveloped but proposed for single-family residential.

   Brian Lockley, Deputy City Manager, introduced this item to Council and answered Council’s questions regarding building standards.

   Mayor Pro Tem Ron Adams made a motion to approve the Final Plat request by Goodwin & Marshall on behalf of Starlight Homes Texas, LLC for Stone Creek Phase IIIA and Stone Creek Phase IIIB. Phase IIIA is proposed for 166 lots and Phase IIIB is proposed for 96 lots. The 93.378-acre property is zoned PD-10A and is situated in the James J. Clayton Survey, Abstract No. 211, Glenn Heights, Ellis County, Texas. The property is currently undeveloped but proposed for single-family residential. Councilman Tony Bradley made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. Update on DeSoto ISD Bus Service to Glenn Heights Community Mobile Home Development.

   David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item to Council, completed a presentation regarding a proposed Bus Service route, and answered Council’s questions and received their feedback.

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V.E. Dooley, Chief of Police, introduced this item to Council, completed a presentation, answered Council’s questions regarding social media posts, the Neighborhood Crime Watch, and the Citizen’s Police Academy, and received Council’s feedback.

4. Discuss and take action to authorize an increase in funding for the Uhl Road and Bear Creek Road Projects, including identification of the amount of the increase and the source or sources of funding therefor.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item and answered Council’s questions regarding funding and the Uhl Project completion date. He also received feedback regarding future funding – Councilman Tony Bradley requested that other available funds be maximized and used prior to using bond funds.

Councilman Tony Bradley made a motion to authorize a $70,000.00 increase in funding for the Uhl Road Project, and that the Project be funded by the Street Impact Fund. Councilman Jeremy Woods, Sr. made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Discuss and taken action on Ordinance O-12-19, an Ordinance of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, as heretofore amended, by repealing Article 9.13 titled “Code of Ethics” of Chapter 9 titled “Personnel” and by adding a new Article 1.22 titled “Code of Ethics” to Chapter 1 titled “General Provisions”; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) for each offense; and providing an effective date. (First Reading)

Councilman Tony Bradley introduced this item to Council, received Council’s feedback, and answered their questions regarding how soon an Ethics Commission would be establish and what would occur if no one volunteered. Councilman Bradley also suggested that language regarding a penalty be removed.

Councilman Tony Bradley made a motion to approve Ordinance O-12-19, an Ordinance of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, as heretofore amended, by repealing Article 9.13 titled “Code of Ethics” of Chapter 9 titled “Personnel” and by adding a new Article 1.22 titled “Code of Ethics” to Chapter 1 titled “General Provisions”; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Ron Adams made the second. The following no action vote was recorded:

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

6. Discuss and take action authorizing the City Manager to issue an RFP/RFQ for comprehensive leak detection services for the entire City of Glenn Heights water/wastewater system.

Councilman Tony Bradley introduced this item to Council and received feedback from David Hall, City Manager. Mr. Hall confirmed that staff are currently working on this issue and are in the process of obtaining quotes for services needed.

Councilman Tony Bradley made a motion to table authorizing the City Manager to issue an RFP/RFQ for comprehensive leak detection services for the entire City of Glenn Heights water/wastewater system. Mayor Pro Tem Ron Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Adams made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Harry A. Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:

Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 15th day of October 2019