

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

AUGUST 5, 2015

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

On the 5st day of August, 2015 the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights met in a special meeting at the Glenn Heights City Hall in Glenn Heights, Texas located at 1938 S. Hampton Road with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Leon Tate	*	Mayor
Arleen Layne	*	Council Member
Tony Bradley	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Kathy Dixon	*	Council Member
Elizabeth Cox	*	Council Member
Glenn George	*	Council Member

STAFF:

Aretha Ferrell-Benavides	*	City Manager
David Hall	*	Managing Director
Othel Murphree	*	City Secretary
Phillip Prasifka	*	Chief of Police
Fire Chief	*	Eddie Burns
Michael Aguilera	*	Director of Finance
Kacye Harvey	*	Organizational Development
Lauren Gray	*	Community Engagement
Jeremy Tennant	*	Senior Planner
Larry Pennington	*	Utilities Superintendent
Kemi Osoba	*	Executive Assist. to CM

CONSULTANTS:

Whitt L Wyatt	*	City Attorney's Office
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Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION: Chief Prasifka gave the invocation.

PROCLAMATION: "CONSTITUTION WEEK"

Pat Thibodeau, with the Old Chisholm Trail Chapter, NSDAR presented certificates of recognition to Mayor Tate and Mayor Pro Tem Bradley for their service in the military and Councilwoman Cox as a military wife.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the consent agenda, are considered routine and are generally enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Consider and approve the City Council Minutes for July 21, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the City Council Minutes for July 21, 2015 Councilwoman Cox made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: **5** **Ayes** – Layne, Bradley, Tate, Cox, and George
 1 **Abstain** – Dixon

2. Consider and approve Resolution R-19-15 approving the 2015 Certified Appraisal Roll.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve R-19-15 approving the 2015 Certified Appraisal Roll. Councilwoman Dixon made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: **6** **Ayes** – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox, and George

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION and RESULTING ACTION:

3. The City Council shall convene into executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code:

- a. Section 551.071, of Texas Government Code to seek legal advice regarding pending litigation styled *Alamo Ventures Ltd., et. al., v. City Glenn Heights*, Cause No. 15-91354 in the 40th Judicial District Court, Ellis County, Texas.

Councilwoman Dixon moved to convene into an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, of Texas Government Code to seek legal advice regarding pending litigation styled *Alamo Ventures Ltd., et. al., v. City Glenn Heights*, Cause No. 15-91354 in the 40th Judicial District Court, Ellis County, Texas. Mayor Tate made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: **6** **Ayes** – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox, and George

The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

Councilwoman Dixon moved to come out of executive session. Mayor Tate made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox, and George

Mayor Tate called the meeting back to order 6:38 p.m.

b. Reconvene and consider any Official Action as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

WORKSHOP:

4. FY16 Proposed Budget
 - Department Work Plans
 - 2015 Proposed Property Tax Rates
 - Effective & Rollback Rate Calculations

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to open the workshop. Councilwoman Cox made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox, and George

Mayor Tate opened the workshop at 6:39 p.m.

City Manager, Aretha Ferrell-Benavides presented the proposed 2015/2016 Budget.

The following was discussed in the workshop:

- FY 2015-16 General Fund Revenue - \$5,227,456
 - Sales Tax
 - Ad Valorem Tax (proposed rate \$0.7340)
 - Franchise Fees
 - Permit Fees
 - Service Fees (sanitation revenue)
 - Recreational Fees
 - Grants & Contributions
 - Court Fines & Forfeitures
- FY 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures - \$5,180,412
 - Salary and personnel benefits
 - City Council Budget
 - ◆ Annual audit City Council (\$15,000)
 - ◆ City Attorney (\$89,000)
 - ◆ Education and travel (\$28,000)
 - ◆ Develop a new 5-year strategic plan

- Administrative Services
 - ◆ Information Technology Specialist
- City Manager's Office
- Office of the City Secretary
- Organizational Development Office (HR)
- Finance department
- Municipal Court
- Park, Recreation & Community Engagement
- Economic Development
- Planning and Permit Department
- Street & Maintenance Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Water & Sewer Revenues
 - Sewer Sales (\$2,280,000)
 - Water Sales (\$1,925,000)
 - Late Charges (\$270,000)
 - Reconnect Fees (\$52,000)
 - Water Meters (\$50,000)
 - Convenience Fees (\$10,000)
 - Interest (\$1,500)
- Water & Sewer Expenditures
 - TRA (\$601,750)
 - Dallas Water Contract (\$675,000)
 - Charges for Service from General Fund (\$275,317)
 - Salary and Personnel Benefits
 - Capital Outlay
- Municipal Drainage Fund
- Special Funds
 - Municipal Court Security Fund
 - Municipal Court Technology Fund
 - 911 Wireless
- Debt Service Fund
- Impact Fee Fund
- Fund Reserves

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to close the workshop. Councilwoman Cox made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox, and George

Mayor Tate closed the workshop at 8:13 p.m.

5. Discuss and consider the 2015 proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate and take a record vote if proposed rate exceeds the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever one is lower) and schedule two public hearing dates.

Michael Aguilera, Director of Finance, stated the proposed budget is based on the proposed tax rate of \$0.79340 and the Effective Rate is \$0.735130. He went on to explain that due to the increased appraised values over last year the proposed rate is a 7.9% percent increase over the effective rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.7934/\$100 which will result in a 7.9% percent increase over the effective tax rate. Councilwoman Cox made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: **4** **Ayes – Bradley, Tate, Cox and George**
 2 **Nays – Layne and Dixon**

Mayor Tate moved to set the dates of September 1, 2015 and September 8, 2015 for the required public hearing on the proposed tax rate. The motion carried with the following vote:

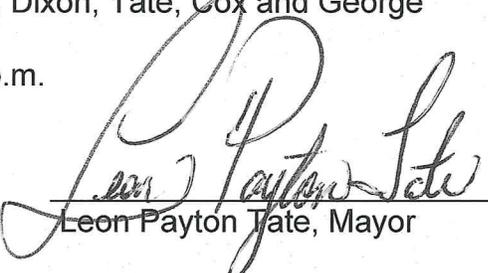
VOTE: **5** **Ayes – Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox and George**
 1 **Nays – Layne**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Layne moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Dixon made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

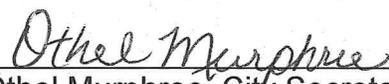
VOTE: **6** **Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Cox and George**

Mayor Tate adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.



Leon Payton Tate, Mayor

Attest:



Othel Murphree, City Secretary

Passed and approved the 18th day of August, 2015.