

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EVENT

**MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS**

MARCH 12, 2016

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

On the 12th day of March, 2016 the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights met in a special meeting at the Curtistene S. McCowan Middle School, located at 1500 Majestic Meadow Drive, Glenn Heights, Texas with the following members present:

CITY COUNCIL:

Leon Payton Tate	*	Mayor
Tony Bradley	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member
Ron Adams	*	Council Member
Harry Garrett	*	Council Member
Glenn George	*	Council Member

ABSENT: Sidney Davis * Council Member

STAFF:

Aretha Ferrell-Benavides	*	City Manager
David Hall	*	Managing Director
Janie Willman	*	City Secretary
Millicent Williams	*	Coordinator of Community Engagement
Keith Moore	*	Fire Lieutenant
Lakeita Sutton	*	Director of Finance
Kacye Harvey	*	Organizational Development
Phillip Prasifka	*	Chief of Police
Charles Brewer	*	Director of Public Works
Jeremy Tennant	*	Senior Planner
Kemi Osoba	*	Executive Assistant – CM
Mari Corbitt	*	Organizational Dev. Specialist

Call to Order: Mayor Tate called the assembly to order at 10:30 a.m.

Invocation: Councilman Garrett delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Adams led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State of the City Address: Following introductory remarks and acknowledgements, Mayor Tate delivered the State of the City Address.

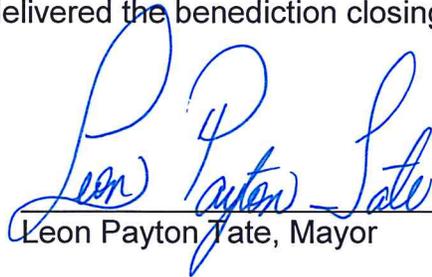
Mayor Tate covered the following focus points during his address: The City's progression based on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget cycle theme "Good to Great." He discussed the effect of the December 26, 2015 Tornado devastation and recovery efforts to date. Other focus points included: the City's population growth and increased tax revenues based on population growth; new construction, current property values, the City's continued growth, the City's Bonds approved by the City's voters in the November 3, 2015 Special Elections, including three propositions; Proposition 1, \$3.5 million for Public Safety Facility, Proposition 2, \$3.5 million for Park & Recreation Facility, and Proposition 3, \$8 million Street and Road Improvements.

The Mayor also discussed the City's Strategic Priorities for branding the City, dealing with problems arising from the City's zip codes, educational services provided by two school districts, transportation changes brought about by DART.

He informed the assembly that the City Council is seeking to improve Stakeholder Relations, strengthen our City's Community Engagement, revive our Economic Development efforts, and improve the City's infrastructure.

Volunteer Recognition: Mayor Pro Tem Bradley acknowledged all volunteers who contributed to the City's recovery following the December 26, 2015 Tornado and storms. He reported the total number of volunteer hours as amounting to 19,052 hours. He noted that contributing to the volunteer efforts were Team Rubicon, and a great outpouring of spontaneous volunteers from area churches, area schools, neighboring cities, and many other volunteers who responded on an individual basis.

Benediction: Councilman Ron Adams delivered the benediction closing out the event at 12:30 p.m.



Leon Payton Tate, Mayor

Attest:



Juanita Willman, City Secretary

Passed and approved the 5th day of April, 2016.