

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

**APRIL 26, 2016**

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

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 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 Payton Tate	*	Mayor
Tony Bradley	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Sidney Davis	*	Council Member
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member
Ron Adams	*	Council Member
Harry Garrett	*	Council Member

**ABSENT:** Glenn George \* Council Member

**STAFF:**

Aretha Ferrell-Benavides	*	City Manager
David Hall	*	Managing Director
Janie Willman	*	City Secretary
Lakeita Sutton	*	Director of Finance
Charles Brewer	*	Director of Infrastructure
Larry Pennington	*	Utilities Superintendent, Department of Infrastructure
Eddie Burns	*	Fire Chief
Kacye Harvey	*	Organizational Development Administrator
Phillip Prasifka	*	Police Chief

Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Tate led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Nick Harris, Bear Creek Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

– Arbor Day – April 29

- Municipal Clerks Week – May 1 – 7, 2016
- City Council Recognition of Mr. Lee Hodges, Utility Worker III, on his Retirement. The Mayor and City Council presented Mr. Lee Hodges with a framed Certificate in recognition of his 12 years of service to the City of Glenn Heights. Mr. Hodges was presented with a gift from the City Council to assist with his principal retirement activity of going fishing. The City Council acknowledged Mr. Hodges' family. Mrs. Hodges thanked the City Council for her husband's employment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Adams moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Councilman Davis made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE:           6       Ayes** – Davis, Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, and Garrett.

1. Acknowledge Fiscal Year 2016 Mid-Year Departmental Operational Updates.
2. Approve proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Calendar.

**AGENDA**

3. 2016 TIGER Grant
  - A. Update on 2016 TIGER Grant Status.
  - B. Discuss and Consider Setting Final Funding Amount of 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program. (Requested by Mayor Tate)

Following a staff update by Managing Director Hall, the City Council deliberated on setting a final funding amount for the 2016 TIGER Grant Program application.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley to set the final funding amount at \$2.5 million for the 2016 TIGER Grant Program application.  
The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Councilman Adams to set the final funding amount at \$3.5 million for the 2016 TIGER Grant Program application.  
Councilwoman Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE:           5       Ayes** – Davis, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, and Garrett.  
**1       Nay** - Bradley

4. Discuss and Consider the Appointment of an Auditing Firm for the City of Glenn Heights including interviews with prospective auditing firms. City Manager Benavides explained that by the time the dangerous weather was prognosticated, one of the prospective firms' principals had arrived in the Dallas – Fort Worth area.

Representatives of McConnell & Jones LLP were presented and introduced; Mr. Marlon Williams, CPA and Engagement Partner, and Wayne McConnell, McConnell & Jones LLP Partner. Following a question and answer period, the City Council thanked Mr. Williams and Mr. McConnell for their presentation.

The City Manager informed the City Council that the weather conditions continue to deteriorate. The consensus of the City Council is that the remainder of the City Council Agenda Items will be considered on the next meeting agenda.

5. Discuss and Consider City Council Budget Priorities.
6. Discuss and Consider City of Glenn Heights March 2016 Monthly Financial Report.
7. Presentation on City Employee Health Benefits and Health Benefits Comparison.

#### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

Updates related to the December 26, 2015 Tornado Recovery Efforts.

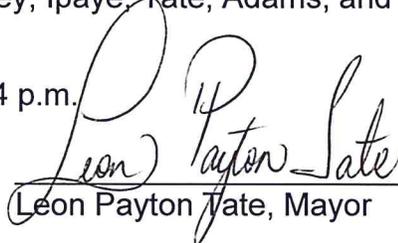
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Adams moved to adjourn. Mayor Tate made the second.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 6 Ayes – Davis, Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, and Garrett.**

Mayor Tate adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

  
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Leon Payton Tate, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Juanita Willman, City Secretary

**Passed and approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2016.**