

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

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

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

On the 23rd day of February 2021, the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, met in a Special Called City Council Meeting via telephone and 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
Alisha M. Brown	*	Council Member
Shaunte L. Allen	*	Council Member
Machanta Newson	*	Council Member

STAFF:

David Hall	*	City Manager
Lucas Benson	*	Interim Chief of Police
Brandi Brown	*	City Secretary
Marlon Goff	*	Planning and Development Director
Byron Hardy	*	IT Administrator
Miamauni Hines	*	Planner
Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite	*	Human Resources Director

CONSULTANT:

Victoria Thomas	*	City Attorney's Office
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harry A. Garrett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:07 P.M., with a quorum of the City Council present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Shaunte L. Allen delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following Public Comments was made:

- Council Member Emma Ipaye, 1938 S Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, Texas 75154: reflected upon the effects of the winter storm disaster, commended volunteers and City Staff for their efforts, and invited residents to join in seeking solutions for any future problems that may impact the City.
- Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown, 1938 S Hampton Road, Glenn Heights, TX 75154: reflected upon the effects of the winter storm disaster, and thanked volunteers and City Staff for their efforts and sacrifices made.
- Council Member Shaunte Allen, 1602 Wavecrest Drive, Glenn Heights, TX 75154: reflected upon the effects of the winter storm disaster, thanked individuals that personally assisted her during the storm, and commended volunteers and City Staff for their efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the February 9, 2021, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)
2. Discuss and take action to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the February 16, 2021, Regular Called City Council Meeting. (Brandi Brown, City Secretary)

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to confirm Consent Agenda Items 1-2. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Woods, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

AGENDA

1. Discuss and take action appointing Zoning Board of Adjustment Members.

Miamauni Hines, Planner, introduced this item and completed a presentation regarding the Zoning Ordinance, current Board Members, and current applicants. Each applicant introduced themselves. Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to if there was anything prohibiting family members from serving on the Board together.

Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, read the following motion language into record: I move to appoint Brian Pratt, Jacob Cannon, Jacquetta Cannon, John Reliford, and Tiina Arjanen, to places 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, on the City of Glenn Heights' Zoning Board of Adjustment, with places 1, 3, and 5 appointees to serve the remainder of a term ending May 31, 2021, and upon expiration, a renewed term to end Mat 31, 2023. In places 2 and 4, to serve the remainder of a term ending May 31, 2022. Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to confirm the motion language as

read. Council Member Emma Ipaye made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Woods, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

2. Discuss and take action on an Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Mottla Architects, Inc., a/k/a Mottla Enterprises, Inc.

David Hall, City Manager, introduced this item and provided a brief overview of procurement processes as provided by the Texas Government Code, duties assigned to the consultant, benefits received from the chosen consultant, and the costs associated with the contract.

Council Member Emma Ipaye made a motion to approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Mottla Architects, Inc., a/k/a Mottla Enterprises, Inc. Council Member Shaunte L. Allen made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Woods, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to take a 10-minute recess. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Woods, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

Mayor Harry A. Garrett announced a 10-minute recess at 7:50 P.M. and confirmed the City Council Meeting would resume at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Harry A. Garrett reconvened the City Council Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

3. Discuss and take action on Resolution R-10-21, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, nominating a candidate for a vacancy on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors for the year 2021.

Brandi Brown, City Secretary, introduced this item. Ms. Brown answered questions related to a similar item on a previous Agenda and the nomination process. Mayor Harry A. Garrett polled Council for their nominees.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made a motion to nominate Machanta Newson for the vacancy on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors for the year 2021. Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Woods, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

4. Discuss and first reading of Ordinance O-04-21, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, reviving, extending and ratifying, for the

period from November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, the franchise agreement, granted to Lone Star Gas Company, predecessor in interest of Atmos Energy Corporation, as amended; granting to Atmos Energy Corporation, its successors and assigns, a franchise, effective January 1, 2021, to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Glenn Heights, Dallas county, Texas, for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through said city for all purposes; providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of the public rights-of-ways; and providing that such fee shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting ad valorem taxes; and repealing all previous gas franchise Ordinances.

Phillip Conner, Finance Director, introduced this item and discussed the terms of the agreement. Mr. Conner and Victoria Thomas, City Attorney, answered Council's questions related to the terms of the agreement and the length of the agreement.

5. January 2021 Financial Report.

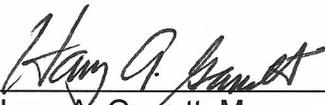
Phillip Conner, Finance Director, completed a presentation regarding the City's revenues, expenditures, and fund balances through January 2021. Mr. Conner and David Hall, City Manager, answered Council's questions related to if residents would see an increase in water rates or the possibility of increased water bills due to usage or infrastructure improvements due to the winter storm event, and what is impacting the City's revenues.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jeremy Woods, Sr. made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Sonja A. Brown made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

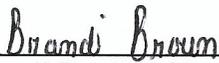
VOTE 7 Ayes – Garrett, S. Brown, Ipaye, Woods, A. Brown, Allen, and Newson

Mayor Harry A. Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.



Harry A. Garrett, Mayor

Attest:



Brandi Brown, City Secretary
Passed and approved on the 2nd day of March 2021