

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

**JANUARY 6, 2015**

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

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015 the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights met in a regular 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
Kathy Dixon	*	Council Member
Michael Jones	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Elizabeth Cox	*	Council Member
Glenn George	*	Council Member

**STAFF:**

Trudy Lewis	*	City Manager
Aretha Ferrell-Benavides	*	Deputy City Manager
Steve Chutchian	*	Director of Public Works
Michael Aguilera	*	Director of Finance
Kacye Harvey	*	Human Resources Administrator
Connie Hearne	*	Assistant to the City Manager
Sergeant Wilson	*	Police Department

**CONSULTANTS:**

Whitt Wyatt	*	City Attorney's Office
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**ABSENT:** Tony Bradley \* Council Member

Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Ron Adams gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 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 Minutes of December 9 and December 16, 2014.

Councilwoman Dixon moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Mayor Pro Tem Jones made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

### **AGENDA**

Councilwoman Dixon due to a "conflict of interest" abstained from voting and recused herself from the meeting during the charter school presentation and left the Council Chambers at 6:38 p.m.

2. Public Hearing to receive testimony relative to a request by Project Genesis Inc. to apply for and bring a charter school into the City of Glenn Heights. Project Genesis, Inc. – Sponsoring Entity of Project Genesis Academy. Board Members: Anthony Jefferson, Myrtle Wright, Danny Stigers; Founders: Anthony Jefferson and Latonya Jefferson.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved to open the public hearing. Councilwoman Cox made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 5 Ayes – Layne, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

Mayor Tate opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Anthony Jefferson stated Project Genesis, Inc. had submitted their application January 5, 2015.

Councilman Bradley arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Councilman Bradley asked what their plans were for a structure and Mr. Jefferson replied they planned to build a new structure.

There being no further testimony Councilwoman Cox moved to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Layne made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Tate closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Councilwoman Dixon returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

4. Consider and take action on a Master Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Dallas County and City of Glenn Heights for Use of Dallas County's Contracts.

Councilwoman Cox moved to approve a Master Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Dallas County and City of Glenn Heights for Use of Dallas County's Contracts. Mayor Pro Tem Jones made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 7 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

5. Consider and take action on purchasing body cameras for the Glenn Heights Police Department. (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Jones)

Mayor Pro Tem Jones led the discussion on purchasing body cameras for the Police Department.

Councilwoman Cox stated that the City Manager's Work Plan that has been under discussion includes body cameras for the Police Department.

Councilman Jones stated there might be grant funds available.

Sergeant Wilson with the Glenn Heights Police Department addressed the Council and provided information on the Axon Flex and Evidence.com maintenance and storage plan with pricing. Sergeant Wilson was also available for questions.

Direction was given for staff to review how to fund the expenditure and to develop a policy and a cost benefits analysis and bring it back to council for further deliberation.

6. Consider and take action on the acquisition of real property within the City of Glenn Heights for the future development and construction of City facilities.

There was discussion on the following:

- Formal action by Resolution
- Deed restrictions on the property
- Closing date is set for January 16, 2015

Direction was given to place the resolution on the January 13, 2015 Council agenda.

Councilwoman Cox moved to take a break. Councilman George made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 7 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

Mayor Tate called for a break at 7:30 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m.

3. Interview Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Municipal Court Judge applicants.

The City Council interviewed the following six applicants for the positions of Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Municipal Court Judge:

Melodee Armstrong  
Tanisa Jeffers  
LaQuita Long

Angela Downs  
Scott Kurth  
JC Petty

Each applicant gave a short presentation on their resume/skills and answered questions from council.

Each council member was to provide their top picks to the City Manager by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

Direction was given for staff to place an action item of the January 13, 2015 agenda for further discussion and action on the appointment of the Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Municipal Court Judge.

Councilman Bradley moved to take a break. Councilwoman Layne made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 7 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

Mayor Tate called for a break at 9:27 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 9:36 p.m.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION and RESULTING ACTION:**

a. The City Council shall convene into executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a)(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the City Manager.

Councilman Bradley moved to convene into executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a)(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the City Manager. Mayor Pro Tem Jones made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 7 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:36 p.m.

Councilman Bradley moved to come out of executive session. Councilwoman Layne made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 7 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

Mayor Tate called the meeting back to order 9:46 p.m.

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

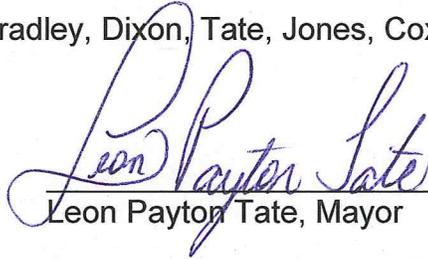
No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

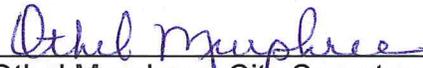
Councilwoman Dixon moved to adjourn. Mayor Tate made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 7 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Jones, Cox, and George**

Mayor Tate adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

  
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Leon Payton Tate, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Othel Murphree, City Secretary

**Passed and Approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.**