

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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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
Ron Adams	*	Council Member

**STAFF:**

Aretha Ferrell-Benavides	*	City Manager
Othel Murphree	*	City Secretary
Phillip Prasifka	*	Chief of Police
Lakeita Sutton	*	Interim Director of Finance
Eddie Burns	*	Fire Chief
Kacye Harvey	*	Organizational Development
Lauren Gray	*	Community Engagement
Jeremy Tennant	*	Senior Planner

**CONSULTANTS:**

Whitt L. Wyatt	*	City Attorney's Office
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**ABSENT:** Elizabeth Cox \* Council Member

Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Fire Chief Eddie Burns gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PROCLAMATION:** Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider approving the FY'16 contract for Health Services between the City of Glenn Heights and Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services.

This is an annual contract with Dallas County to provide certain health services for the residents of Glenn Heights. These services include:

- Tuberculosis Control Services
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Services
- Communicable Disease Control Services
- Laboratory Services
- Immunizations
- High risk infant case management
- Home visits

The term of the contract will be from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. This has been found to be beneficial to the citizens of Glenn Heights and cost efficient for the City. The funds for the payment of this service are budgeted under Development Services - Planning Account # 100-5-53-3004 (\$574.00).

Councilwoman Dixon moved to approve the FY'16 Interlocal Agreement for Coordinated Health Services between Dallas County and the City of Glenn Heights. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE:           5       Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, and Adams**

## AGENDA

2. Second Public Hearing to hear testimony on the proposed City of Glenn Heights 2015 Tax Rate of \$0.7934 per \$100 valuation. This proposed Tax Rate exceeds the Effective Tax Rate. This rate will raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operation than last year's City of Glenn Heights Tax Rate.

Mayor Tate explained that Texas State Law requires the City to hold two public hearings on the proposed 2015 property tax rate when the proposed rate exceeds the rollback rate or the effective rate and this is the second public hearing. The proposed rate of \$0.7934/\$100 valuation exceeds the effective rate and will produce \$298,919 more in tax dollars over last year's budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to open the public hearing. Mayor Tate made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE:           5       Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, and Adams**

Mayor Tate opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

There being no testimony Councilman Adams moved to close the public hearing. Mayor Tate made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

**VOTE: 5 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, and Adams**

Mayor Tate closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. and announced that the 2015 property tax rate was scheduled to be considered for adoption on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 1938 s. Hampton Road.

Councilman George arrived at 6:13 p.m.

3. Public Hearing to receive testimony on the proposed FY2015/16 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to open the public hearing. Councilman George made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Tate opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Mayor Tate stated that the proposed Budget would raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$312,471 or 9.6% and that the amount of \$63,303 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

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

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

Mayor Tate closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. and announced that 2015/2016 Budget was scheduled to be considered for adoption on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 1938 s. Hampton Road.

4. Discuss and consider approving the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ovilla Christian Cross Country Invitational and Fun Run at Heritage Community Park.

City Council was asked to approving the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ovilla Christian Cross Country Invitational and Fun Run at Heritage Community Park on October 3, 2015. The aforementioned races were highly successful the past three years and many youth benefitted from participating.

Councilwoman Dixon moved to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ovilla Christian Cross Country Invitational and Fun Run at Heritage Community Park. Councilman George made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. July 2015 Financial Report.

Interim Director of Finance, Lakeita Sutton briefed the Council on the following:

- July 2015 Financial Report
  - Summary of General Fund Revenues and Sales Tax Comparison
  - Summary of Water and Sewer Fund Revenues and Expenditures
  - Summary of Drainage Fund Revenues and Expenditures
  - Summary of Other Funds Revenues and Expenditures
  - June 2015 Cash and Investment Report
  - June 2015 Overtime Report
  - June 2015 Check Register

6. Update on the City of Glenn Heights' November 3, 2015 General and Bond Election polling locations.

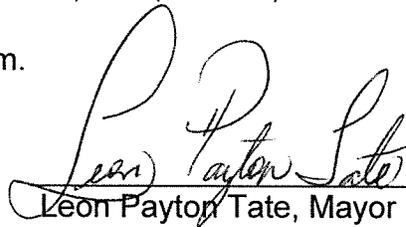
The City Secretary, Othel Murphree, briefed the Council on locating a place within the City of limits that could be used for an Ellis County polling location. Two (2) locations were being considered the Municipal Service building on S. Uhl Road and Harvest of Praise Ministry located on South Hampton Road. The location on S. Uhl Road was eliminated because it was not ADA accessible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to adjourn. Councilman Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

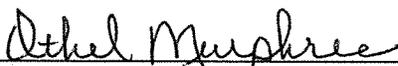
**VOTE: 6 Ayes – Layne, Bradley, Dixon, Tate, Adams, and George**

Mayor Tate adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Leon Payton Tate, Mayor

Attest:



Othel Murphree, City Secretary

**Passed and approved the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.**