

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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

On the 6th day of September, 2016, 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 Payton Tate	*	Mayor
Tony Bradley	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Sidney Davis	*	Council Member (7:34 p.m. Arrival)
Emma Ipaye	*	Council Member (7:03 p.m. Arrival)
Ron Adams	*	Council Member
Harry Garrett	*	Council Member
Glenn George	*	Council Member

STAFF:

Aretha Ferrell-Benavides	*	City Manager
David Hall	*	Managing Director
Janie Willman	*	City Secretary
Lakeita Sutton	*	Director of Finance
Eddie Burns	*	Fire Chief
Charles Brewer	*	Director of Infrastructure
Kacye Harvey	*	Director of Organizational Development
Millicent Williams	*	Coordinator of Parks and Community Engagement
Jeremy Tennant	*	Senior Planner
Phillip Prasifka	*	Police Chief
Robert Floyd	*	Interim Financial Analyst

CONSULTANT:

Whitt Wyatt	*	City Attorney's Office
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Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Harry Rentas, Fire of God Church, delivered the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers to address the City Council.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Recognition of Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2. Councilman Adams made the second. The vote carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

1. Approve the City of Glenn Heights City Council Minutes of the August 16, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. Consider approval of Resolution R-32-16, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Technical Services Agreement with the Trinity River Authority of Texas for Analytical (Water Bacteriological Testing) Services; and Providing for an Effective Date.

AGENDA

3. Discuss and consider Ordinance O-17-16, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Glenn Heights, Texas, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Year 2016 (Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017) at a Rate of \$0.935530 Per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) Assessed Valuation on All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Glenn Heights as of January 1, 2016, to Provide Revenue for the Payment of Current Expenses; Providing for an Interest and Sinking Fund for all Outstanding Debt of the City of Glenn Heights; Providing for Due and Delinquent Dates Together with Penalties and Interest; Providing a Severability Clause; Providing a Repealing Clause; and Providing an Effective Date. (First Reading)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley to approve Ordinance O-17-16 on the First Reading. Councilman Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

4. Public Hearing to hear testimony on the City Manager's City of Glenn Heights' Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget. (Second Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilman Adams to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Tate made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

Mayor Tate opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

There were no public speakers to address the City Council during the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilman Adams to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 6 Ayes – Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

Mayor Tate closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

5. Discuss and Consider Ordinance O-18-16, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Glenn Heights, Texas, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017; Providing That Expenditures for Said Fiscal Year Shall Be Made in Accordance with Said Budget; Appropriating And Setting Aside The Necessary Funds Out Of The General Fund and Other Revenues for said Fiscal Year for the Maintenance and Operation of the Various Departments and for Various Activities and Improvements of the City; Providing a Repealing Clause; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date. (First Reading)

City Manager Benavides introduced this agenda matter and explained updated sheets to the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The City Council asked if a Capital Improvements Project agenda item could be scheduled for the next City Council Meeting.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley to approve Ordinance O-18-16. Councilman Adams made the second. The vote carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 7 Ayes – Davis, Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

6. Discuss and consider setting City Council Meetings to end no later than 9:30 p.m. (Requested by Councilman Garrett)

Councilman Garrett introduced this agenda matter as wanting the City Council to consider amending City Council meeting times because the City Council has routinely gone past 10 p.m. with due consideration that most Council Members have been at work all day, many City Council Members have not engaged with their families. He indicated that perhaps 10 p.m. is a reasonable time. He noted that the City Council is doing itself a disservice by being here late in those cases where the City Council has been extending the recent City Council Meetings past 10 p.m. He indicated he thought it would help the City Council to develop some discipline about its deliberations and allow the residents to attend the meetings to be present during City Council Meetings. He indicated he had surveyed some of the surrounding cities.

He would for the City Council to consider setting a meeting time for two hours and at 9 p.m., the City Council can motion for either two 15 minute extensions or one

30 minute extension with a majority vote. At 9:30 p.m. the City Council could extend the meeting for 30 minutes or two 15 minute extensions with a 2/3 vote of the City Council.

Council fully discussed this agenda matter presenting their preferences for and against the recommendation for change. No action was taken.

7. Discuss and consider Resolution R-33-16, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, Adopting an Amended and Restated Investment Policy in Compliance with The Public Funds Investment Act; Providing for an Effective Date.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley to authorize Resolution R-33-16 with the provision that the entire Investment Policy be brought back for the City Council's approval. Councilman Davis made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 7 Ayes – Davis, Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

8. Discuss and consider Resolution R-34-16 of the City Council of the City of Glenn Heights, Texas, Authorizing C&M Concrete to Perform Concrete Street Reconstruction to London Lane, Windsor Drive and Glenn Lane, Appropriating up to and not to Exceed \$126,000 from The 2008 Street And Drainage Bond Fund and Providing for an Effective Date.

Motion by Councilman Adams to approve Resolution R-34-16 and further authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a project-specific agreement for the work identified. Councilwoman Ipaye made the second. The vote carried as follows:

VOTE: 7 Ayes – Davis, Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George

9. Discuss and consider the objectives of the Economic Development Department; re-establishing objectives and key performance indicators.

The City Council discussed this agenda matter. A question that is raised is how serious is the City Council about doing business. The City Council asked that Ms. Benavides to work with her staff to streamline the City's business permitting processes. Ms. Benavides indicated she has started to work with Planning and Development and will include the City Attorney as staff reviews its business permitting processes seeking ways to streamline.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Ipaye moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Councilman Adams made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

VOTE: 7 **Ayes** – Davis, Bradley, Ipaye, Tate, Adams, Garrett, and George



Leon Payton Tate, Mayor

Attest:



Juanita Willman, City Secretary

Passed and approved the 20th day of September, 2016.