

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting that was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at the Harker Heights City Hall at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548, with the following members present:

ROLL CALL: Mayor Spencer H Smith
Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer McCann
Councilmember Michael Blomquist
Councilmember Tony Canterino
Councilmember Lynda Nash
Councilmember Sam Halabi

City Manager David Mitchell
City Secretary Julie Helsham
City Attorney Charlie Olson

EXCUSED: None

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation to Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, and Sara Gibbs, Activities Coordinator, declaring August 7 - 13, 2022, as Harker Heights Farmer's Market Week.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS:

1. Council received a presentation by Dr. Kerry Ann Zamore regarding TEDx.

The following citizens made a presentation to Council:

- Howard Arey, 2027 Sandy Point, Harker Heights, Texas 76548.
- Leeann Boore, 3401 Oakridge Blvd., Harker Heights, Texas 76548
- Mark Boore, 3401 Oakridge Blvd., Harker Heights, Texas 76548
- Scott Clark, 3206 Oakridge Blvd., Harker Heights, Texas 76548

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2022, and the special meeting held on August 2, 2022.

Councilmember Blomquist made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2022, and the special meeting held on August 2, 2022. Councilmember Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

AT 5:26 P.M. THE MAYOR MOVED TO RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEEETING AND CALLED TO ORDER THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST MEETING

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City of Harker Heights Employee Benefits Trust awarding contracts for the City of Harker Heights Employee Benefits Trust Group Medical Plan, Vision Benefits, Dental Benefits, Life Insurance, AD&D and Long Term Disability and authorizing the City Manager to enter into such contracts on behalf of the City and the Employee Benefits Trust. David Mitchell, City Manager, and Andrew Weegar, Senior Account Executive HUB International, made the presentation.

Councilmember Canterino made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Harker Heights Employee Benefits Trust awarding contracts for the City of Harker Heights Employee Benefits Trust group medical plan to Scott and White Health Plan, Superior Vision/MetLife for vision benefits, Dental Select for dental benefits, Lincoln Financial for life insurance, AD&D, and long term disability benefits and authorizing the City Manager to enter into such contracts on behalf of the City and the Employee Benefits Trust. Councilmember Nash seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

AT 5:43 P.M. THE MAYOR ADJOURN THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST MEETING AND RECONVENED INTO THE CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to pay for certain Employee Related Benefits and approving any transfers necessary to fund the Trust. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation.

Councilmember Canterino made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to pay for certain employee related benefits and approving any transfers necessary to fund the Trust. Councilmember Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:46 p.m. the Mayor announced a closed meeting for the following purposes:

1. Pursuant to the following designated section of the Texas Government Code, Annotated, Chapter 551, the Council may convene into executive session to discuss the following:
 - (A) Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney – Conference with City Attorney to discuss confidential legal matters and to receive advice on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body conflicts with the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and this chapter.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

1. No action was taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

1. Council received and discussed a presentation by Dr. Thomas Longoria of Texas State University regarding a review of a Citizen Survey. Assistant City Manager Jerry Bark and Dr. Thomas Longoria made the presentation. No action taken.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Preliminary Plat referred to as Evergreen Phase VI, on property described as 113.917 acres, situated in the James Williamson Survey, Abstract No. 1003, the M.D. O'Dell Survey, Abstract No. 994, the E. Dawson Survey, Abstract No., 258 and the T.L. O'Dell Survey, Abstract No. 1043, Bell County Texas, being a portion of a called 277.369 tract of land conveyed to Heights Evergreen Developers, Ltd in Volume 5940, Page 885, Official Public Records Of Real Property, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation.

Lynda Nash made a motion to approve a request for a Preliminary Plat referred to as Evergreen Subdivision Phase VI, on property described as 113.917 Acres, situated in the James Williamson Survey, Abstract No. 1003, the M. D. O'Dell Survey, Abstract no. 994, the E. Dawson Survey, Abstract No., 258 and the T.L. O'Dell Survey, Abstract No. 1043, Bell County Texas, being a portion of a called 277.369 tract of land conveyed to Heights Evergreen Developers, LTD in Volume 5940, Page 885, Official Public Records of Real Property, Bell County, Texas.

The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann made a motion to recommend to approve with conditions a request for a Preliminary Plat referred to as Evergreen Subdivision Phase VI, on property described as 113.917 Acres, situated in the James

Williamson Survey, Abstract No. 1003, the M. D. O'Dell Survey, Abstract no. 994, the E. Dawson Survey, Abstract No., 258 and the T.L. O'Dell Survey, Abstract No. 1043, Bell County Texas, being a portion of a called 277.369 tract of land conveyed to Heights Evergreen Developers, LTD in Volume 5940, Page 885, Official Public Records of Real Property, Bell County, Texas, as presented by staff and based on staff's recommendations and findings, with the conditions being as follows:

1. Provide dedicated ROW on B3 L 17 & B3 L16 as requested in pre-development meetings and as shown on Concept Plan (to connect with Oakridge Blvd.) on face of plat.
2. Adequately address access to Property ID #73397, west of Douglas Fir, south of Bristle Cone in accordance with staff requests.
3. Applicant shall adequately address comments regarding new point discharges, sheet flows, Base Flood Elevation/Finished Floor Elevation in accordance with staff requests.
4. Sanitary sewer discharge to offsite facility/facilities shall be designed to satisfactorily meet staff requirements. Councilmember Halabi seconded the motion. Carried 3-2 (opposed: Councilmember Blomquist and Councilmember Canterino).

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Smith called for a short break.

Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

2. Council discussed and considered a preliminary ad valorem tax rate, take a record vote on the preliminary ad valorem tax rate, schedule the public hearing. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation.

Councilmember Blomquist made a motion to place a proposal to adopt the tax rate of \$0.5800 per \$100 valuation on the September 13, 2022, Council Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem McCann seconded the motion. Mayor Smith conducted a record vote. The results are as follows: McCann voted aye, Blomquist voted aye, Canterino voted aye, Nash voted aye, and Halabi voted aye. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember Blomquist made a motion to schedule the public hearing for the tax rate for September 13, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem McCann seconded the motion. Mayor Smith conducted a record vote. The results are as follows: McCann voted aye, Blomquist voted aye, Canterino voted aye, Nash voted aye, and Halabi voted aye. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0. Carried unanimously.

3. Council received and discussed the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Third Quarter Investment Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
4. Council received and discussed the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Third Quarter Unaudited Financial Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
5. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Councilmember closing statements.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann thanked everyone that attended the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection today at Eagle Express. They are very grateful to share it with the VFW and everyone that came.

Councilmember Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- July 30th – Harker Heights Farmer's Market.
- August 4th – Killeen Independent School District Chaparral High School Dedication Ceremony at the facility on Chaparral in Killeen.
- August 5th – Harker Heights Budget Retreat at the Harker Heights Activities Center.
- August 6th – Harker Heights Farmer's Market.
- August 9th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection at Eagle Express.

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2. Updates and announcements from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- July 27th – Meeting at City Hall with Harker Heights Citizen.
- July 27th – Killeen Independent School District School Safety Presentation at Eastern Hills Middle School.
- July 29th – Phantom Honors Retirement Ceremony at the Lone Star Conference Center, Fort Hood.
- July 30th – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market.
- August 2nd – Harker Heights City Council Special Meeting.
- August 5th – Harker Heights City Council and City Staff Annual Budget Retreat at the Harker Heights Activities Center.
- August 6th – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market.
- August 8th – Meeting with Chairman of the Harker Heights Arts Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary

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