

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting that was called to order on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:00 PM, 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 Jackeline Soriano Fountain
Councilmember Lynda Nash
Councilmember Sam Halabi
City Manager David Mitchell
City Secretary Julie Helsham

EXCUSED: None

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Fountain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas State Flag was led by Councilmember Blomquist.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2022.

Councilmember Fountain made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2022. Councilmember Blomquist seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Council conducted a Public Hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending §150.02(J) of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances; adopting and amending the 2021 International Fire Code. Paul Sims, Fire Chief, made the presentation.

Councilmember Blomquist made a motion to approve an amendment to § 150.02(J) of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances to adopt and amend the 2021 International Fire Code, based upon staff's recommendation and findings. Councilmember Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, and Chris Pruitt, Audit Partner, Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., made the presentation.

Councilmember Fountain made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Councilmember Nash seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

2. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. At 5:29 p.m. the Mayor announced a closed meeting for the following purposes:
 - (A). Pursuant to Government Code §551.087, to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the City Council seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City, and with which the City Council is conducting economic development negotiations.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING:

1. Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Council discussed and considered approving an Economic Development 380 Agreement with Yellow Lilly, Inc. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann made a motion to approve an Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Yellow Lilly, Inc. to provide certain economic development incentives pursuant to its authority under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Councilmember Nash seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Councilmember closing statements.

Jackeline Soriano Fountain stated that she attended the following events:

- March 15th - City Council and City Staff tour of Commanche Gap Park and Bell County Museum.
- March 17th – Community Salute Luncheon recognizing Recruiters and new Recruits for Armed Forces.
- March 18th – AUSA Golf Scramble.
- March 19th – Harker Heights I Love My Parks Day event at Carl Levin Park.
- March 19 – Harker Heights Battle of the Courts: Granny Basketball Benefit Game.

Michael Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- March 10th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce After Hours Mixer, hosted by Eagle Express and VFW Post 3842.
- March 11th – Vive Les Arts Play – SpongeBob Square Pants the Musical.
- March 12th – Harker Heights Activities Center Outdoor & Science Expo.
- March 15th - City Council and City Staff tour of Commanche Gap Park and Bell County Museum.
- March 16th – Met with Bell County Judge David Blackburn as the Chairman for the Bell County Public Health District Board.
- March 19th - Harker Heights I Love My Parks Day event at Carl Levin Park.
- March 19th – Harker Heights Pet Adoption Center Fostering and Bottle Feeding Kitten Class.
- March 21st – Bell County Public Health District Meeting.

Michael Blomquist reminded everyone that it is only 46 days and a wake up until the Harker Heights Farmers' Market opens on May 7th.

2. Updates and announcements from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- March 9th – ClearSky Health Rehabilitation Hospital ground breaking ceremony.
- March 10th – Meeting with Chairperson, Harker Heights Arts Commission.
- March 14th – Meeting with Harker Heights City Staff.
- March 15th – Bell County Courthouse presentation by Texas Representative Hugh Shine, District 55.
- March 15th – Harker Heights City Council and City Staff visit to the Bell County Museum. Tour led by Director Coleman Hampton.
- March 15th – First pitch at Harker Heights Boys Varsity Baseball game.
- March 16th – Chairman, Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization, Transportation Policy Planning Board in Belton.
- March 16th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting.
- March 16th – Telephone meeting with local Star Scout completing Citizenship in the Community merit badge.
- March 18th – Tex 21 I-H 14 Coalition Zoom meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary

City Council
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