

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting that was called to order on Tuesday, October 25, 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, Place 2 Michael Blomquist
Councilmember, Place 3 Tony Canterino
Councilmember, Place 4 Lynda Nash
Councilmember, Place 5 Sam Halabi

City Manager David Mitchell
City Secretary Julie Helsham

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation declaring Omer Hall III, Fawn Hanzel, and Angela Thompson as "Bright Stars of Central Texas."
2. Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation to Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, declaring November 4, 2022, as "Texas Arbor Day."

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on October 11, 2022.

Councilmember, Place 2 Blomquist made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 11, 2022. Councilmember, Place 5 Halabi 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 Chapter 74, Schedule I(A) of the Code of Harker Heights, to change the speed limit on Cedar Knob Road from F.M. 2410 to F.M. 3481. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation.

Councilmember, Place 2 Blomquist made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 74, Schedule 1(A) of the Code of Harker Heights, to change the speed limit on Cedar Knob Road from FM 2410 to FM 3481. Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving an appeal of the False Robbery Alarm service charge for Victor Sanchez at 105 Suzanne Lane, Harker Heights, Texas. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation.

Councilmember, Place 4 Nash made a motion to approve the Appeal to dismiss the False Robbery Alarm Service Charge for Victor Sanchez at 105 Suzanne Lane, Harker Heights, Texas. Councilmember, Place 5 Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

2. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, finding that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's ("Oncor" or "Company") application to change rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation.

Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, finding that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's ("Oncor" or "Company") application to change rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel. Councilmember, Place 5 Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

3. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's participation in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of Camping, Hiking, Kayaking, and Outdoor Outreach Materials; authorizing the City Manager to sign and act on behalf of the City. Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, made the presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign and act on behalf of the City for the participation in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Community Outdoor Outreach Program in receiving \$30,000 for the purchase of camping, hiking, kayaking, and outdoor outreach materials. Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

4. Council discussed and considered approving an amendment to the Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Gambit Social House, Inc. ("Gambit") modifying the Construction Completion Date to March 31, 2023, for the administration of one or more Programs for making grants or loans of Public Money to promote Economic Development and stimulate business and commercial activities within the City; and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation.

Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino made a motion to approve amending the economic development incentive agreement with Gambit Social House, Inc., modifying the construction completion date to March 31, 2023, for the administration of one or more programs for making grants or loans of public money to promote economic development and stimulate business and commercial activities within the City; and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Councilmember, Place 4 Nash seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

5. Council received and discussed a presentation on the Texas Department of Transportation 2023 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects and the grant funding requirements for pedestrian sidewalk improvement projects in the City of Harker Heights, Texas. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation. No action taken.

6. Council discussed and considered appointing members to the Animal Advisory Committee; Harker Heights Arts Commission; Economic Development Corporation; Library Board; Parks & Recreation/Tree Advisory Board; and Public Safety Commission. Julie Helsham, City Secretary, made the presentation.

Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino made a motion to appoint the following members of the **Animal Advisory Committee** to take effect on January 1, 2023:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Finni Dirr	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Alternate #1	George Grammas	1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #2	Judy Killgo	1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #3	Lynne Boehm	1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #4	Barbara Kane	1/2023 – 1/2024

Councilmember, Place 2 Blomquist seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember, Place 4 Nash made a motion to appoint the following member of the **Arts Commission** to take effect on January 1, 2023:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Roxanne Flores-Achmad	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026

Mayor Pro Tem McCann seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino made a motion to appoint the following members of the **Economic Development Corporation**:

Position	Member	Term
Director 2	Michael Blomquist	1/2023 – 1/2025
Director 4	John Reider	1/2023 – 1/2025
Director 6	Jim Wright	1/2023 – 1/2025

Mayor Pro Tem McCann seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember, Place 5 Halabi made a motion to appoint the following members of the **Library Board** to take effect on January 1, 2023:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Beverly Price	2 nd Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Regular Member	Debra Brock	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Regular Member	Sandy Knight	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Alternate #1	Vacant	1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #2	Vacant	1/2023 – 1/2024

Councilmember, Place 4 Nash seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann made a motion to appoint the following members of the **Parks & Recreation/Tree Advisory Board**:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Tina Capito	Fill Hardison unexpired term effective 10/2022
Alternate #1	Nathan Peters	1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #2	Charles Biggs, Jr.	1/2023 – 1/2024

Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember, Place 2 Blomquist made a motion to appoint the following members of the **Public Safety Commission** to take effect on January 1, 2023:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Wyatt Wetzel	2 nd Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Regular Member	Jimmy Dugger	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Alternate #1	Susan Ratliff-Thomas	1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #2	Nathan Sloan	1/2023 – 1/2024

Councilmember, Place 5 Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:07 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) Pursuant to §551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment of public officers to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Building Standards Commission.
 - B) Pursuant to §551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment of public officers to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

1. Council took the following action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Councilmember, Place 2 Blomquist made a motion to appoint the following members to the **Planning and Zoning Commission/Building Standards Committee/Capital Improvements Advisory Committee** to take effect January 1, 2023:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Elizabeth McDaniel	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Regular Member	Rob Robinson III	2 nd Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Alternate #1	Daniel Nicholas Foxhill	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Alternate #2	Frank Stewart	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2026
Alternate #3	Geri M Schwartzman	Fill Strickland unexpired term 1/2023 – 1/2024
Alternate #4	Trisha Ratliff	Fill Bess unexpired term 1/2023 – 1/2024

Councilmember, Place 3 Canterino seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Councilmember, Place 4 Nash made a motion to appoint the following members to the **Zoning Board of Adjustments** to take effect January 1, 2023:

Position	Member	Term
Regular Member	Dr. William R. Mack, II	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2025
Regular Member	Dr. Desi Roberts	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2025
Alternate #2	James Hamilton	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2025
Alternate #3	Carlo Davis	1 st Term 1/2023 – 1/2025
Alternate #4	Timothy Cozelos	Fill Roberts unexpired term 1/2023 – 1/2024

Councilmember, Place 5 Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. 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.

Councilmember Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- October 13th – Met with Harker Heights Police Chief Hawkins, Fire Chief Sims and City Staff to review the Public Safety Commission Nominees.
- October 15th – 2022 Harker Heights Chamber 5k Brew & Brats Mug Run at Community Park.
- October 15th – Harker Heights Farmers’ Market at City Hall.
- October 20th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Lunch Mob at Taqueria Mexico #3 on FM 2410.
- October 21st – Retirement Ceremony for Sergeant Eugene Cuthbert at Harker Heights Police Department.
- October 21st – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Votes & Notes event at Carl Levin Park.
- October 22nd – Rotary Monster Dash 5k Run.
- October 22nd – 2nd to last for the season Harker Heights Farmers’ Market at City Hall.
- October 22nd – Harker Heights Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale.
- October 23rd – Celebrated the Houston Astros victory in their sweep of the New York Yankees as the Astros move on to the World Series.
- October 24th - Early voting started on Monday, October 24th and he voted. Blomquist encouraged all citizens to take advantage of early voting to do their civic duty. Vote at the Harker Heights Recreation Center now through November 4th. Election day is November 8th.
- October 25th – Harker Heights Veteran’s Day Ceremony is on November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Harker Heights Activities Center.
- Blomquist stated that October 29th is the last Harker Heights Farmers’ Market for this year. He encouraged all citizens to come join the fun for this Spooky Market Event! There will be lots of treats for kids & Harker Heights Parks is running an event Haunted Heights from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., next door at the Carl Levin Park.

2. Update and announcements from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- October 13th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Vision 21 Class Economic Development presentation by City Staff.
- October 14th – Harker Heights City Hall meeting with City Staff.
- October 17th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Legislative update by Representative Hugh Shine and presentation by representatives from the Brazos River Authority.
- October 17th – Harker Heights City Hall meeting with City Staff.
- October 18th – Harker Heights City Hall meeting with City Staff.
- October 18th – Harker Heights City Council Workshop and Closed Session.
- October 19th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting.
- October 20th – Pat Kern visitation at Crawford Bowers in Killeen.
- October 20th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum at the Central Texas Homebuilders Association.
- October 21st – Central Texas Council of Governments presentation by the Brazos River Authority Region G Planning Group.
- October 21st – Harker Heights Police Department Retirement Ceremony for Sgt. Cuthbert.
- October 21st – Harker Heights Friends of the Library Book Sale.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary