

Minutes of the of the City Council meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, by a telephonic meeting to contain the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with Governor Abbott’s declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat and action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act issued on March 16, 2020:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Spencer H. Smith	Mayor
	Michael Blomquist	Mayor Pro-tem
	Jennifer McCann	Councilmember Place 1
	Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Councilmember Place 3
	Lynda Nash	Councilmember Place 4
	Jody Nicholas	Councilmember Place 5
	David Mitchell	City Manager
	Julie Helsham	City Secretary

**Mayoral Proclamations and Presentations:**

1. Proclamation declaring three Harker Heights High School Choir Students as “Bright Stars of Central Texas”.
  - a. Mayor Smith presented Elena Bryan a proclamation declaring her a “Bright Star of Central Texas” in honor of her earning All-State status in the All-State Treble Choir.
  - b. Mayor Smith presented Mattais Fragoso a proclamation declaring him a “Bright Star of Central Texas” in honor of him earning All-State status in the All-State Tenor-Bass Choir.
  - c. Mayor Smith presented Kosisochukwu Eneli a proclamation declaring her a “Bright Star of Central Texas” in honor of her earning All-State status in the All-State Treble Choir.
2. Proclamation declaring two Harker Heights High School Orchestra students as “Bright Star of Central Texas”.
  - a. Mayor Smith presented Hanah Kim a proclamation declaring her a “Bright Star of Central Texas” in honor of her earning 2021 All-State Orchestra status in the All-State Philharmonic Orchestra.
  - b. Grace Koh was unable to attend the Council meeting.
3. Mayor Smith presented Gabriel Villalpando a proclamation declaring him a “Bright Star of Central Texas” in honor of him earning a place in the 6-A All State Band and for being the first member of the Harker Heights High School Band to earn a place in the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Concert All-State Band in over a decade.
4. Mayor Smith presented Paige Bridenstine a proclamation declaring her a “Bright Star of Central Texas” in honor of her being named the 2021 6-A State Powerlifting Champion in the 114-pound class.
5. Mayor Smith presented Activities Center Specialist Adam Trujillo with a proclamation declaring April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day; And recognized him for receiving the 2021 Environmental Ambassador Award for the City of Harker Heights from the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities.
6. Mayor Smith presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 2021, as “National Distracted Driving Month”.

**Consent Items:**

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2021, and April 20, 2021. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Ordinance 2020-06 of the Harker Heights Code to extend the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration through June 3, 2021. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
3. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Ordinance 2021-08 of the Harker Heights Code to extend the Winter Storm State of Disaster Emergency Declaration through May 30, 2021. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
4. Council discussed and considered approving the City Council's Mission and Vision Statements. Nicholas made the motion to approve. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approve 5-0.

*In the interest of time, Mayor Smith moved to New Business Item 2.*

**New Business:**

2. Council discussed and considered approving the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, and Dane Legg, Lott, Vernon & Company, P.C. Audit Partner, presented the Report to Council. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas amending Title XIII of the City of Harker Heights Municipal Code by establishing a new Chapter 132 "Regulation of Sex Offender Residency"; providing definitions; creating "Child Safety Zones"; prohibiting the establishment of residences and certain activities by Sex Offenders in Child Safety Zones; providing affirmative defenses; establishing other provisions relating to Mental State and Non-Assumption of Duties; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty and providing an effective date. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Nash made the motion to approve with the addition of the following definition: "V.T.C.A. Shall mean the Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated or Vernon's Texas Codes and Statues Annotated as amended." Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

**New Business:**

1. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, Amending Solid Waste Ordinance Section 51.18 (F) and 51.18 (G) of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances to modify the location of container requirements within Chapter 51 of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation. Nicholas made the motion to approve. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

**Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions:**

1. Council received and discussed a presentation by Larry Robison, Planning & Zoning Commission Chair, regarding an annual update on the Planning & Zoning Commission's Activities in 2020. Larry Robinson, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, made the presentation. No action taken.

**Items from Council:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Blomquist reminded everyone that the first Farmer's Market for the season is a little over a week away on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held at City Hall. Blomquist stated that the City is in the midst of the Election and encouraged all citizens to come out to vote, celebrate their right to vote, and to decide who they want to be their elected officials.

Councilmember Nicholas stated that on April 22<sup>nd</sup> she attended the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) meeting and the following items were discussed:

- Area Agency on Aging
  - Bell County has 433 homebound seniors who receive food.
  - Harker Heights has 29 citizens that will hopefully be given their immunization in their homes in the month of May.
  - Killeen is hoping to open their Senior Center in April.
  - Belton and Temple do not have a Senior Center yet but hope to soon.
- Mayor of Salado joined CTCOG.
- The Legislative and House Bills were discussed.

Councilmember Fountain stated that she attended the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Political Forum. Fountain stated it was a really good event and was well attended. Fountain also stated that the Harker Heights U10 Soccer Bear Cats team won the U10 Winter Soccer Championship in the Central Texas Youth Soccer League. Fountain mentioned that she has seen the Water/Street crews preparing the streets for upcoming repairs and is looking forward to seeing the completed work.

Councilmember McCann congratulated the U10 Soccer team and stated that the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Political Forum was a really great event and that everyone did a great job.

#### **Staff Reports:**

1. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

#### **Announcements:**

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – City of Harker Heights Community Partners “Heights Cares” meeting at Harker Heights Activity Center.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights City Council Workshop and Meeting.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Planning Board virtual meeting.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Planning Board virtual meeting.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Lemonade Day Judge at Stonetree Golf Club.

#### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

**CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:**

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Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Julie Helsham, City Secretary