

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at the Harker Heights City Hall at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548:

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| <b>Roll Call:</b> | Spencer H. Smith           | Mayor                 |
|                   | Jennifer McCann            | Mayor Pro-tem         |
|                   | Michael Blomquist          | Councilmember Place 2 |
|                   | Jackeline Soriano Fountain | Councilmember Place 3 |
|                   | Lynda Nash                 | Councilmember Place 4 |
|                   | Sam Halabi                 | Councilmember Place 5 |
|                   | David Mitchell             | City Manager          |
|                   | Julie Helsham              | City Secretary        |
|                   | Charlie Olson              | City Attorney         |

**Consent Items:**

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on July 13, 2021.

Blomquist made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 13, 2021 as written. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

**Presentations by Citizens:**

1. Council received a presentation by Simone Maynard regarding breeding license requirements in the City of Harker Heights and the importance of restrictions.

**Recess into Executive Session:**

At 5:09 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.
  - (B) Section 551.074 Personnel – Discuss and deliberate the employment, evaluation and duties of the City Manager.

**Reconvene into Open Session:**

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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

Blomquist made the motion to extend the contract for the City Manager David Mitchell. Contract is to remain the same with the following changes:

1. Salary raise of 5% with contract extension to September 30, 2025.
2. Increase deferred compensation City contribution \$6,500 after 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
3. At 10-year anniversary, receive a \$30,000 retention incentive.

Seconded by Halabi. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

## **Public Hearing:**

1. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Amendment to §151.001 and §151.003 of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances to add a definition and exemption for “Wall Art”. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation.

McCann made the motion to approve an amendment to § 151.001 and § 151.003 of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances to add a definition and exemption for “WALL ART”, to include the words “*designed or*” in front of the definition, based upon staff’s recommendation and findings. Seconded by McCann. McCann, Blomquist, Fountain, and Nash in favor. Halabi against. Motion approved 4-1.

## **New Business:**

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution adopting the Investment Policy of the City of Harker Heights, Texas; authorizing the City’s Investment Broker / Dealer List; and approving a list of Investment Training Sponsors. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation.

Fountain made the motion to approve a Resolution adopting the Investment Policy of the City of Harker Heights, Texas; authorizing the City’s Investment Broker / Dealer List; and approving a list of investment training sponsors. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

## **Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions:**

1. Council received and discussed a presentation by Angie Wilson, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Tree Advisory Board Chair, regarding an Annual Update on Board Activities in 2020-2021. Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director and Angie Wilson, Parks and Recreation/Tree Advisory Board Chair made the presentation. No action taken.

## **Staff Reports:**

1. Council received and discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Third Quarter Investment Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
2. Council received and discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Third Quarter Unaudited Financial Statement Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
3. Council received and discussed the City Manager’s Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

## **Items from Council:**

1. Council member closing statements.

Councilmember Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- July 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights Big Truck Day

Councilmember Nash stated that she attended the following events:

- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Appreciation Event at Carl Levin Park
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – Conducting Effective Meetings training at the Harker Heights Activities Center
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Cornhole Tournament with the Vision 21 class
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Change of Command with Major General Richardson on Fort Hood
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Town Hall for Seniors at Lions Park
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Taste of Africa Event at the Killeen Civic Center

Councilmember Fountain showed a picture of Brent Hammer, a Harker Heights citizen that volunteers for the City and stated that Mr. Hammer goes out and waters the trees daily. Fountain asked for Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director to let Mr. Hammer know how much the City appreciates him.

Mayor Pro-tem McCann stated that she frequently visits the City Parks and that they look beautiful still. McCann stated that everything looks great and that the programs are going great.

**Announcements:**

1. Updates and comments from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights City Council Meeting and Executive Session
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Harker Heights City Staff
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights Big Truck Day at Harker Heights Library
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights City Council Training with City Attorney at the Harker Heights Activity Center
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Two meeting with Harker Heights City Staff and concerned Citizens
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Harker Heights City Council Workshop
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – III Corps Phantom Honors Welcome Ceremony for Major General and Mrs. Gilland
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Commanding General III Corps Mayors Engagement and Luncheon in Gatesville

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:**

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Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Julie Helsham, City Secretary