

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at the Harker Heights City Hall at 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548:

Roll Call:	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

Consent Items:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meetings held on October 12, 2021.

Fountain made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on October 12, 2021. Seconded by Halabi. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Hearing:

1. Council conducted a Public Hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the City's Code of Ordinances, establishing Section 11.1 Comprehensive Plan, and Adopting the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and the 2021 Land Use Plan for the City of Harker Heights, Texas, Pursuant to Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code; establishing the relationship of the Land Use Plan and the Development Regulations; Providing for the Amendment of any existing Comprehensive Plan; and providing for the Amendment of any existing Land Use Plan. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation.

The following citizens spoke on this item:

- Raymond Hamden, P. O. Box 2008, Harker Heights, Texas
- Ayesha Lealiiee, 2504 Limestone Trail, Harker Heights, Texas

McCann made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the City's Code of Ordinances, establishing Section 11.1 Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and the 2021 Land Use Plan for the City of Harker Heights, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code; establishing the relationship of the Land Use Plan and the development regulations; providing for the amendment of any existing Comprehensive Plan; and providing for the amendment of any existing Land Use Plan, based on staff's recommendation and findings; And to direct City Staff to hold an additional Public Hearing in the future to discuss the potential amendment of the parcel of land located off of F.M. 2410 between Limestone Trail and Granite Trail for the Future Land Use Map. Seconded by Fountain. McCann, Fountain, Nash and Halabi, in favor. Blomquist against. Motion approved 4-1.

2. Council conducted a Public Hearing to discuss and consider adoption of Land Use Assumptions and a Capital Improvements Plan relating to possible adoption of Impact Fees for the 2022 Impact Fee Area. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation.

Nash made the motion to take no action and to hold a second Public Hearing on this item on November 9, 2021. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Recess into Executive Session:

1. At 5:53 p.m. the Mayor announced a closed meeting for the following purposes:
 - 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 Board of Adjustment.

Reconvene into Open Session:

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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

A. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (P&Z)/BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Naula K. Taylor	Member	No (Did not reapply)	Natalie Austin
Noel Webster	Member	No (Term Limit)	Barry Heidtbrink
Lana “Kay” Carey	Member	No (Did not reapply)	Ladonna Barbee
Adam Parker	Member	No (Did not reapply)	Michael Stegmeyer
Christopher Albus	Alternate #1	No (Resigned)	Elizabeth McDaniel (#3 Exp. 2023)
Michael Stegmeyer	Alternate #2		Monica Washington (#4 Exp. 2023)
Barry Heidtbrink	Alternate#3		Jerry Bess (#1 Exp. 2024)
Natalie R. Austin	Alternate#4		Allen Strickland (#2 Exp. 2024)

Fountain made the motion to appoint the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) / Building Standards Commission as listed to take effect on January 1, 2022. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

B. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA):

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Jeffrey Harris	Member	Yes	Jeffrey Harris
Thomas “Tom” G. Wilson	Member	Yes	Thomas “Tom” G. Wilson
David Hermosillo	Member	Yes	David Hermosillo
Thomas F. Lorensen	Alternate #2	No	Courtney Peres
Vacant	Alternate #3	-	Dr. Desi Roberts
Vacant	Alternate #4	-	Philemon Brown

Blomquist made the motion to appoint the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as listed to take effect on January 1, 2022. Seconded by Halabi. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Regular Business:

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

A. PARKS & RECREATION/TREE ADVISORY BOARD:

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Eva Keagle	Member	No (Term limited)	Angie Wilson
Angie Wilson	Member	Yes	Yomi Hardison
Alonzo Williams	Alternate #1	Yes	Lawrence McCullar
Yomi Hardison	Alternate #2	Yes	Vitalis Dubininkas

McCann made the motion to appoint the members of the Parks & Recreation / Tree Advisory Board as listed to take effect on January 1, 2022. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

B. LIBRARY BOARD:

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Barbara Kelly	Member	Yes	Barbara Kelly
Julianna Greene	Member	No (Did not reapply)	Susan Robertson
Ramona Rubedor	Member	No (Did not reapply)	Heather Chandler
Vacant	Alternate #1	-	Debra Brock
Vacant	Alternate #2	-	Simisola Aromolaran

Halabi made the motion to appoint the members of the Library Board as listed to take effect on January 1, 2022. Seconded by Nash. McCann, Blomquist, Nash and Halabi, in favor. Fountain against. Motion approved 4-1.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Dick Dwinell	Member	Yes	Dick Dwinell
Jeremy Hoffman	Alternate #1	Yes	Jeremy Hoffman
Yomi Hardison	Alternate #2	Yes	John Footman

Blomquist made the motion to appoint the members of the Public Safety Commission as listed to take effect January 1, 2022. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

D. ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Finni Dirr	Alternate #1	Yes	Finni Dirr
George Grammas	Alternate #2	Yes	George Grammas
Karry Woods	Alternate #3	No (Did not reapply)	Barbara Kane
Vacant	Alternate #4	-	Steve Moody

Blomquist made the motion to appoint the members of the Animal Advisory Committee as listed to take effect on January 1, 2022. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

E. HARKER HEIGHTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Current Member	Position	Eligible for Reappointment?	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
Hal Schiffman	Place 1	Yes	Hal Schiffman
Spencer H. Smith	Place 3	Yes	Spencer H. Smith
Mike Aycock	Place 5	Yes	Mike Aycock
David Mitchell	Place 7/Secretary	Yes	David Mitchell

Halabi made the motion to appoint the members of the Economic Development Corporation as listed. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

F. ARTS COMMISSION:

Current Member	Position	Name of Reappointed Member or New Member
New – 3 year term	Council Member	Lynda Nash
New – 3 year term	Chamber Member	Roshanda Prior
New – 2 year term	Member	Barbara Fontaine-White
New – 2 year term	Member	Kerry Ann Zamore
New – 1 year term	Member	Roxanne Flores-Achmad

McCann made the motion to appoint the members of the Arts Commission as listed to take effect immediately. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution reappointing Jared Bryan as the City of Harker Heights Representative on the Board of Directors of the Tax Appraisal Board of Bell County, Texas. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation.

McCann made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to reappoint Jared Bryan as the City of Harker Heights representative on the Board of Directors of the Tax Appraisal Board of Bell County, Texas. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

3. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to participate in the Global Opioids Settlement. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation.

Fountain made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to participate in the Opioids Settlement. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

4. 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. **Council member closing statements.**

Mayor Pro-tem asked Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, if the Zombie Hunt is new this year. Mr. Achee stated that it is new this year.

Councilmember Nash stated that she attended the following events:

- October 15 – Central Texas Homeowners Building Association Fundraiser.
- October 16th – Temple and Killeen Breast Cancer Walk.
- October 16th – Harker Heights Community Resource Center Food Distribution Event at the Methodist Church.
- October 16th – Culture on the Square Event in Killeen, Texas, and delivered flowers to the Indian Oaks Rest Home.
- October 20th – Harker Heights Police Department Healthy Homes Teen Café event as the guest speaker.
- October 21st – Ladies Night Out
- October 21st - Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Luncheon.
- October 22nd – Harker Heights Police Department Promotion Ceremony.
- October 23rd - Killeen, Texas, Operation Stand Down Central Texas 8th annual Fall Stand down event.
- October 25th - Harker Heights Citizen Police Academy.

Councilmember Fountain stated that she attended the following events:

- October 21st – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Luncheon.
- October 22nd – Harker Heights Police Department Promotion Ceremony.
- October 23rd – AUSA Annual Fort Hood Clean Up.
- October 23rd – Harker Heights Farmer's Market.
- October 26th – 48th Chemical Brigade Change of Responsibility Ceremony.
- October 26th – Fort Hood Ball Hockey Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Councilmember Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- October 15th – Harker Heights Police Department Retirement Ceremony for Lieutenant Owen Bullard.
- October 16th – Harker Heights Farmer's Market.
- October 21st – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Luncheon.
- October 22nd – Harker Heights Police Department Promotion Ceremony.
- October 23rd – Harker Heights Farmer's Market.
- October 25th – Harker Heights Citizen Police Academy.
- Bell County Health District Selection Board Interviews for the new Bell County Health District Director at Harker Heights City Hall.

2. **Updates and comments from the Mayor.**

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- October 15th - Harker Heights Police Department Retirement Ceremony for Lieutenant Owen Bullard.
- October 16th – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market.
- October 18th – Harker Heights City Hall Meeting with City Staff.
- October 19th – Harker Heights City Council and City Staff tour of the Stillhouse Hollow Water Plant.
- October 20th – Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Planning Board Meeting Chairman.
- October 21st – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Luncheon. Colonel Kevin Bradley, Commander 3rd Cavalry Regiment speaker.
- October 22nd – Harker Heights Police Department Promotion Ceremony.
- October 23rd – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary