

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 4700 DREXEL DRIVE, AT 8:00 A.M ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Margo Goodwin, Mayor Pro Tem John McKnight, and Town Council Members David L. Dowler, Eric Gambrell, Jimmy Grisham, and Craig Penfold.

Mayor Goodwin called the work session to order and asked if any Town Council Member wished to discuss any of the items on the Regular Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Goodwin closed the work session at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Goodwin called the Town Council meeting to order.

Council Member Penfold gave the Invocation.

Mayor Goodwin asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Town Council, and explained that the Town Council may not discuss issues raised or make any decision at the time; issues raised may be referred to Town staff for research and possible future action. Scott Pollock gave his address as 4301 Lomo Alto, addressed the Town Council, and offered comments regarding the Town's plans for Tennis Court #1. Mr. Pollock stated that his parents took him to Tennis Court #1 as a child; if the Town Council takes away Tennis Court #1, in his opinion, it would change the whole aspect of the park. Mr. Pollock stated that Tennis Court #1 is the Town's most beautiful court, highly used by families, and it is where kids learn to play tennis. He further stated that it is the most important thing about the park, and it would be less expensive to re-surface the court than to hire a park designer to re-do the park. Mr. Pollock asked when the courts on Edmondson would be re-surfaced, because in his opinion, they badly need it. Mayor Goodwin thanked Mr. Pollock for his comments, and explained that no decision about Tennis Court #1 has been made; she also explained that the Town Council is prohibited by law to respond to citizen comments at the Council meeting.

Dennis Daniels, 4505 Mockingbird Lane, addressed the Town Council regarding the residence at 4509 Mockingbird Lane. He stated that he last spoke to the Town Council about this property several months ago. Mr. Daniels stated that he understood that the order to demolish the property was issued in June, with the demolition to occur after 30 days; it was stalled by a lawsuit filed by the property owner. A permit was issued for a much longer time period than the neighbors hoped for, and the condition of the property, in his opinion, is still unsatisfactory. He further stated that he has waited for the lawsuits and the permit to expire, and now would like to see something on a Town Council agenda regarding this property. He cited cones permanently in the driveway and a construction fence in complete disrepair as examples, and asked that the situation be remedied. Mayor Goodwin thanked Mr. Daniels for his comments and stated that Kirk Smith, Assistant Director of Town Services, would be available to meet with him to further discuss the situation.

On a motion by Council Member Penfold, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKnight, the Council voted unanimously to approve Items A. through F. on the Consent Agenda. Prior to the vote, Mayor Goodwin explained that the Town Council reviewed these items prior to the meeting; she asked if any Town Council Member wished to ask questions or make any revisions or corrections, to which there was no response.

- A. *Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on December 3, 2019.*

- B. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on December 9, 2019.
- C. Consider approval of a schedule of Town Council meetings for 2020.
- D. Consider approval of Resolution No. 001-20 casting the Town's vote in a run-off election for the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, CASTING ITS VOTE IN A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE FOURTH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DALLAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

- E. Consider approval of a contract with SRH Landscapes LLC for the Preston Road Landscape and Irrigation Improvements Project.
- F. Consider approval of a contract with Cam-Crete Contracting, Inc. for the 2020 Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs annual contract.

Mayor Goodwin recessed the Council meeting at 8:18 a.m., and convened a closed session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (a parcel of land owned by the Town located at 2500 Conveyor Lane, in the City of Dallas).

Mayor Goodwin closed the closed session at 8:28 a.m. and reconvened the Council meeting in open session. No final action, decision, or vote was taken during the closed session.

Mayor Goodwin asked for discussion or a motion as a result of the closed session, Item V.A., to which there was no response.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

APPROVED on this the 4th day of February, 2020.

APPROVED:


Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:


Gayle Kirby
Town Secretary