

MINUTES OF AN ONLINE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, AT 8:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021.

Joanna Mekeal, Town Secretary, explained that as provided by the State of Texas, this online Town Council meeting could be viewed online or listened to by telephone, and gave the toll-free and alternate telephone numbers, the access number for the public to call, and the website link to view the meeting. The public was provided an opportunity to email a question or comment, which closed at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, 2021.

Mrs. Mekeal conducted a roll call of the Town Council Members. Present at the meeting were Mayor Margo Goodwin, Mayor Pro Tem David Dowler, and Town Council Members Marc Myers, Lydia Novakov, and Craig Penfold. Absent from the meeting was Council Member Jimmy Grisham.

Mayor Goodwin introduced herself, called the work session to order at 8:02 a.m., and asked if any Town Council Members wished to discuss any of the items on the Regular Agenda. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the work session at 8:02 a.m.

Mayor Goodwin gave the Invocation.

Mayor Goodwin asked if anyone calling in wished to address the Town Council and explained that the Town Council may not discuss or make decisions on items not listed on the agenda. Issues raised may be referred to staff for research and possible future action. No comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments in the development of the Combined Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22. Steven Alexander, Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer, explained this public hearing is not required by State law; however, it provides an opportunity for the public to provide thoughts or suggestions relating to the Combined Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 – 22. Town staff received three (3) emails from residents regarding the budget, and those comments were forwarded to the Town Council prior to this meeting. The first email requested an evaluation of Eastern Avenue, from Mockingbird Lane to Bordeaux Avenue, for reconstruction of the roadbed. This project is currently in the Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) for fiscal year 2024 – 25. It was requested that the reconstruction project for this area to begin at an earlier date. The second email was a suggestion to enhance funding for the Department of Public Safety to assure continued high performance and noting appreciation for the department. The third email was a request to extend the lap swimming season from April 27 – October 29, to April 1 – Thanksgiving, and noting appreciation for the expansion of the current year’s season. Mayor Goodwin asked if any callers would like to make a comment regarding the budget. Hearing none, Mayor Goodwin stated that these emails have been forwarded to the appropriate Town staff members, and the residents were contacted to discuss their suggestion further. Mayor Goodwin asked if any Town Council Members would like to ask a question or make a comment. Council Member Novakov asked if the swimming pool was heated. Bill Lindley, Town Administrator, confirmed the pool is capable

of heating and cooling temperatures. Mayor Goodwin stated that extending the pool season would require available staffing and appropriate funding that would be taken into consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Dowler asked, regarding the Eastern Avenue suggestion, does staff rank the entire length of the section that is considered for reconstruction. Mr. Lindley confirmed that the Engineering staff goes through an annual rating and comparison process with each location. Lori Chapin, Director of Engineering, concurred and added that the process is planned throughout the years in the CIP. Mayor Goodwin suggested to the Town Council to drive by the location, review its condition, and possibly discuss this area further at a future budget discussion. Mayor Goodwin asked if there were any other comments, to which there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Council Member Craig Penfold, seconded by Council Member Marc Myers, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Items A. through E. on the Consent Agenda. Prior to the vote, Mayor Goodwin explained that the Town Council reviewed these items prior to the meeting. The Mayor 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 a construction contract for the Armstrong Avenue Rehabilitation project (Lakeside Drive to Katy Trail).*
- B. Consider approval of a resolution denying Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC's request to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor.*
- C. Consider approval of a contract for the 2021 Street Resurfacing project.*
- D. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on May 18, 2021.*
- E. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on May 18, 2021.*

Mayor Goodwin adjourned the Town Council meeting at 8:16 a.m.

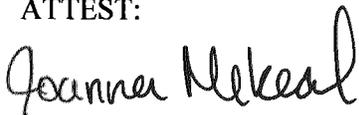
Approved on this the 15th day of June 2021.

APPROVED:



Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary