

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, 4700 DREXEL DRIVE, HIGHLAND PARK, TX, 75205, AT 8:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Margo Goodwin, Mayor Pro Tem David Dowler, and Town Council Members Jimmy Grisham, Marc Myers, Lydia Novakov, and Craig Penfold.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

A. Discuss any of the agenda items provided on the Regular Agenda of the January 18, 2022, Town Council meeting.

Mayor Goodwin introduced herself, called the work session to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Goodwin asked if any Town Council Members wished to discuss any of the items on the Regular Agenda. Council Member Craig Penfold stated he would like to defer item A. *Consider approval of a resolution casting the Town's vote in a run-off election for the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District* for further discussion. Council Member Penfold summarized a conversation he had with one of the candidates and continued by asking for additional Town Council discussion. Mayor Goodwin asked the Town Council if they would like to defer the item and discuss it further after the Study Session Meeting. The Town Council consensus of the Town Council supported deferring the item to follow the Study Session.

Mayor Goodwin gave the Invocation.

Mayor Goodwin asked if anyone 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.

Marty Rubin, 4906 Abbott Avenue, stated he has been living at this property since 2001. There are several neighbors that are concerned with the vacant property located at 4908 Abbott Avenue for the past 20 years. The property is deteriorating and has not been maintained. Approximately seven months ago, there were erosion fences placed around the property and it seemed as though it would be demolished; however, nothing has been done. Neighbors are forced to endure a terrible piece of property. Mr. Rubin and other neighbors had to chase away young people wanting to explore inside of the property. There has been so much growth on one side in the backyard that neighbors believe it will cause a fire on our properties as well. Different types of animals have made home at the location, including snakes and cats. Mr. Rubin asked the Town Council to do something about the property. He then displayed photos of the property on his laptop and showed the Town Council Members.

Robert Lechtenberg, 4910 Abbott Avenue, stated he has been living next to 4908 Abbott Avenue for the past 30 years. Mr. Lechtenberg has mowed the property's yard due to high grass. The property does not have a concrete foundation and has concerns with the property being a fire hazard. Attempts of communicating to the owners have been made, but nothing has been done.

Mr. Lechtenberg is familiar with an ordinance regarding planters in exposed yards and would like to inquire about a similar solution for the property located at 4908 Abbott Avenue.

William Francis, 3505 Harvard, stated he has seen this property since he has lived in Highland Park. He cannot think of another property that has fallen into disarray more than this property. Mr. Francis requested the Town Council to do something about it.

Mayor Margo Goodwin thanked the residents for coming to the Town Council Meeting and for their comments.

RECOGNITION

Recognition of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Steven Alexander, Administrative Services Director and Chief Financial Officer, explained the Government Finance Officers Association ("GFOA") has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Town of Highland Park for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Mayor Goodwin thanked the Finance Department for their hard work. In response to questions raised by Council Member Lydia Novakov and Craig Penfold, Mr. Alexander confirmed this information will be added to the Town's social media outlets to inform residents of the award.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Council Member Craig Penfold, seconded by Council Member Marc Myers, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Items B. 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 reminded the Town Council that item *A. Consider approval of a resolution casting the Town's vote in a run-off election for the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District* will be discussed further separately from this vote.

- B. Consider approval of a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. for the FY 2022 Drainage Easement Improvements project.*
- C. Consider approval of an agreement with the Texas commission on Environmental Quality for High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation grant funding.*
- D. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on January 4, 2022.*
- E. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on January 4, 2022.*

Mayor Goodwin recessed the Town Council meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Mayor Goodwin reconvened the Town Council meeting at 9:46 a.m.

A. Consider approval of a resolution casting the Town's vote in a run-off election for the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District. Mayor Goodwin asked Council Member Penfold to discuss further his conversation with Brett Franks. Council Member Penfold stated they had a good conversation about his goals and aspirations to be on the Board of Directors, much like Mr. Franks described in the letter he sent to the Town Council. Council Member Penfold referenced a comment made by Council Member Myers that perhaps looking at another candidate would be beneficial. Michael Hurtt has received the Town Council's vote several times in the past and this may be a good time to vote for someone else. Mayor Goodwin added that when the term is up, the Town Council can always reevaluate their decision. Council Member Myers thanked Council Member Penfold for taking the time to speak with Mr. Franks. On a motion made by Council Member Myers, seconded by Council Member Penfold, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution casting Brett Franks as the Town Council's vote in a run-off election for the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

Mayor Goodwin adjourned the Town Council meeting at 9:56 a.m.

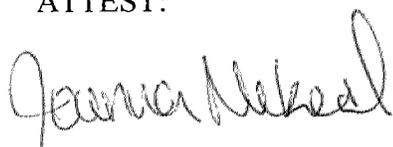
Approved on this the 1st day of February 2022.

APPROVED:



Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary