

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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Will C. Beecherl, Mayor Pro Tem Craig Penfold and Town Council Members Marc Myers, Lydia Novakov, and Leland White. Council Member Don Snell was absent.

Mayor Beecherl introduced himself, called the work session to order at 8:00 a.m., and asked if any Town Council Members wished to discuss any of the items on the Regular Agenda, to which there was no discussion.

Mayor Beecherl closed the work session at 8:01 a.m.

Council Member Marc Myers gave the Invocation.

Mayor Beecherl introduced Brooke Pridham, Armstrong Elementary School first-grade student, as "Mayor for a Day."

Mayor for a Day Brooke Pridham 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.

Town resident Bill Cohn of 4529 Belfort Place spoke about the City of Dallas' ("Dallas") Love Field Noise Abatement Program. Dallas' Office of Aviation is now holding meetings with identified resident and commercial stakeholders, of which the Town is not considered to be a stakeholder. In the initial meeting, Dallas staff explained the city's Auditor recommends sunsetting the voluntary program due to poor compliance. The Town did send representatives to the first meeting, and a second meeting will be held on September 29. A third and final meeting will also follow. Mr. Cohn recommends the Council contact the City of Dallas to express a desire to be more involved, and a concern for the future of the Voluntary Noise Abatement Program. Mayor Beecherl thanked him for his comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor for a Day Brooke Pridham announced the opening of the public hearing for the Proposed Combined Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 ("FY23"). Steven Alexander, Director of Administrative Services and CFO, presented the final public hearing on the Proposed Combined Operating and Capital Budget for FY23. Council Member Myers asked for clarification of how a certain percentage was calculated in the section for salaries, and Mr. Alexander explained that it was derived from using the previous year's budget numbers as the base and the percentage includes not only salaries but taxes, retirement, health benefits and other benefits. Mayor Beecherl asked if anyone present wished to address the Town Council about the Proposed Combined Operating and Capital Budget for FY23, to which there was no response.

Mayor for a Day Brooke Pridham announced the opening of the public hearing for the 2022 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate. Steven Alexander, Director of Administrative Services and CFO, presented the proposed tax rate, explaining that the \$.23 cent rate is below the State's threshold requiring a public vote. Mayor Beecherl asked if anyone present wished to address the Town Council about the 2022 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate. Town resident Connie Karcher, 4420 Edmondson Avenue, wanted to speak about using funds to improve the Town Swimming Pool. She listed several items that she would like to see improved, noting that the much of the pool area is too hot to walk on and needs to be addressed. She recognized that staff had also mentioned that certain improvement projects are planned in the near future. Mayor Beecherl thanked her for her comments, and asked if there were any more comments from the audience to which there were none.

Mayor Beecherl closed the Public Hearing for the 2022 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate and for the Proposed Combined Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig Penfold, seconded by Council Member Marc Myers, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Items A., B., C., and D. on the Consent Agenda.

- A. Consider approval of a contract with Iron T Construction, Inc. for the 2022 Drainage Easement Improvements project.*
- B. Consider awarding the Town's employee health insurance plan for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to medical, dental, and vision insurance plans to Cigna.*
- C. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on August 16, 2022.*
- D. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on August 16, 2022*

Mayor for the Day Pridham adjourned the Town Council meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Approved on this the 20th day of September 2022.

APPROVED:



Will C. Beecherl
Mayor

ATTEST:



Holly Russell
Interim Town Secretary