

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4700 DREXEL DRIVE, HIGHLAND PARK, TX, 75205, AT 8:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023.

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

Mayor Beecherl introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Council Member Don Snell gave the Invocation.

Mayor Beecherl 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. No comment was made.

### ***PUBLIC HEARING***

*Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the development of the Combined Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.* Steven Alexander, Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer, explained that the Town's annual budget development process includes scheduling a public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to offer ideas or suggestions that may impact the process. This public hearing is not the only opportunity for citizens to offer input into the budget development process, as there will be other public hearings during the budget process. This public hearing was scheduled to bring specific attention to a time that citizens may address the Town Council regarding matters of personal interest before the Proposed Budget is submitted to the Town Council.

Todd Furniss, 4236 Armstrong, asked the Town Council what actions are in place to improve the electrical grid's quality. If the grid goes down in an emergency situation, there should be a second provider and encouraged the Town Council to look into one.

### ***CONSENT AGENDA***

Prior to the vote, Mayor Beecherl explained that with a Consent Agenda, several items are voted upon in one motion. He added that any Council Member could request that any item(s) be removed for discussion and be voted upon separately. Mayor Beecherl asked if any Council Member had such a request, to which Mayor Pro Tem Penfold asked that Item A. be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

- B. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on May 16, 2023.*
- C. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on May 16, 2023.*

A. Consider approval of an ordinance revising fees associated with building permit extensions for major residential construction projects. Mayor Beecherl asked the Council for comments or discussion regarding the item pulled from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Penfold suggested adding “non-refundable” to R105.5.1.5 section A. and B. in front of the word “increments” for clarification. Hugh Pender, Director of Development Services, confirmed he received Mayor Pro Tem Penfold’s suggested edits, and has added them to the ordinance. On a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Craig Penfold, seconded by Council Member Lydia Novakov, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 2118, revising fees associated with building permit extensions for major residential construction projects conditioned upon modification raised by Mayor Pro Tem Penfold.

ORDINANCE NO. 2118

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 BUILDING REGULATIONS, ADOPTING ARTICLE 3.08.005 AMENDMENTS ADOPTING NEW PENALTY PROVISIONS FOR BUILDING PERMIT EXTENSIONS IN THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Beecherl adjourned the Town Council meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Approved on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

ATTEST



Joanna Mekeal  
Town Secretary

APPROVED



Will C. Beecherl  
Mayor