

MINUTES OF A STUDY SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4700 DREXEL DRIVE, HIGHLAND PARK, TX, 75205, AT 8:10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025.

Mayor Will C. Beecherl, Mayor Pro Tem Don Snell, and Town Council Members Alan Friedman, Lydia Novakov, and Leland White attended the meeting. Council Member Marc Myers was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Beecherl asked if anyone wished to address the Town Council about any item listed on the agenda and explained that the Town Council may not discuss or make decisions on items not listed on the agenda. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker unless otherwise required by law. Items suggested for action may be placed on a future agenda at the Town Council's discretion. There was no comment.

FUTURE AGENDA DISCUSSION

Review, discuss, and consider the opportunity for a Town Council Member to request an item to be placed on a future Town Council meeting agenda. The Mayor asked if any Town Council Member would like to request an item be placed on a future Town Council study session agenda for discussion or consideration. Council Member Lydia Novakov requested an update on the horse carriages.

REPORTS

Review and discuss the Racial Profiling Report compiled and analyzed by Dr. Alex del Carmen. Chuck McGinnis, Director of Public Safety, explained that Senate Bill 1074 mandates that a racial profiling report be compiled, analyzed, and submitted to the governing body of the municipality by March 1st of each year. The report was compiled and analyzed by Dr. Alex del Carmen, and included in the agenda packet. Dr. Carmen is scheduled to present the report in detail on April 1, 2025.

Review and discuss the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and related audit for the Fiscal Year 2023-24. John Samford, C.P.A., Finance Director, introduced Brent Young, C.P.A., Director of Weaver and Tidwell, LLP. Mr. Young explained that the annual audit was conducted in accordance with governmental auditing standards and fulfills the requirements set out in State law. The audit resulted in an unmodified, or clean, opinion, indicating the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, under generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, he stated there were no material weaknesses in internal control, and no audit adjustments were made. Mr. Samford presented financial highlights including the total net position, governmental activities overview, business-type activities, capital assets, and net pension information. The auditors presented the report and findings to the Finance and Audit Advisory Committee on January 30, 2025. The Committee recommended acceptance of the annual audit. Mr. Samford added that he will send the letter with the summary of findings to the Town Council, and include the final report on the consent agenda on February 18, 2025. Mayor Beecherl thanked Mr. Samford and the Finance Department for their work.

CLOSED SESSION

1. *In accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 - CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY - the Town Council will convene into closed session for consultation with and to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding historic preservation and pending or contemplated litigation (Sam C. Tamborello v. Town of Highland Park - Case No. 3-24CV1356-E, Patricia Ellis and James Ellis v. Town of Highland Park - Case No. DC-24-06608, and USAI, LP v. Town of Highland Park - Cause No. DC-20-80213).* Mayor Beecherl recessed the study session at 8:42 a.m. Mayor Beecherl convened a closed session at 8:42 a.m. Mayor Beecherl ended the closed session at 8:50 a.m. and reconvened the study session in open session at 8:50 a.m. No final action, decision, or vote was taken during the closed session.

OPEN SESSION

1. *Pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, the final action, decision, or vote regarding Closed Session Item 1. above shall be made, if any.* Mayor Beecherl reconvened the study session in open session at 8:50 a.m. No motion was made.

Mayor Beecherl adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

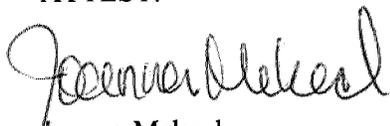
APPROVED on this 18th day of February 2025.

APPROVED:



Will C. Beecherl
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary