

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, FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

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

- I. Mayor Will C. Beecherl called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Council Member Leland White gave the Invocation.
- III. 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.

IV. MAIN AGENDA

A. Review, discuss, and take action to extend the construction time period for a new single-family residence at 4009 Armstrong Avenue from 24 to 33 months. Jeff Armstrong, Director of Community Development, explained that the owner of 4009 Armstrong Avenue has requested an extension of the construction time period. Bob Tabesh, General Contractor of Avondon, LLC, requested extended time due to losing the Structural Engineer on the project and the delivery of broken windows, which had a 75-day lead time for replacement. If approved, the final completion date would be 33 months from when the building permit is approved for construction. The applicant has provided a proposed parking plan showing parking for at least 15 cars on the lot. Additional parking is available along the Armstrong Avenue frontage, which is 450 feet long. No parking is proposed along Lakeside Drive. The revised parking plan includes a statement that there will be no parking on the street when available on the site. There have been no complaints about the site. An issue with the maintenance of erosion control adjacent to Turtle Creek was found and resolved. There have been no other site maintenance or parking violations at this project location. On a motion made by Council Member Lydia Novakov, seconded by Council Member Alan Friedman, the Town Council unanimously voted to approve the request to extend the construction period for a new single-family residence at 4009 Armstrong from 24 to 33 months.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Council Member Lydia Novakov, seconded by Council Member Alan Friedman, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Items A. through C. on the Consent Agenda. Prior to the vote, Mayor Beecherl explained that all items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine or discussed at a previous meeting. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a request by a Council Member is made prior to the Town Council voting on the motion.

- A. Take action to formally accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and related audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.
- B. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on February 4, 2025.
- C. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on February 4, 2025.

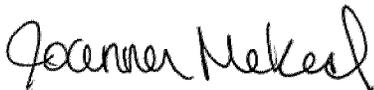
VI. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Gary Slagel, Chairman of the Board, Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Gary Slagel, Chairman of the Board, and Nadine Lee, CEO of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (“DART”), presented a governance and service update. The presentation included the consensus Board position on funding and service, the need for governance change, and the proposed governance approach. Ms. Lee explained DART’s efforts in the Town of Highland Park (“Town”) would include developing a plan to enhance Park Cities GoLink to support parking needs for residential construction projects and the Highland Park Village. Additionally, a “blue dot” GoLink stop would be added at Love Field Airport. DART initiatives would include continuing to work with all DART cities on advancing and implementing requests and opportunities, encouraging the six DART cities to reverse sales tax reduction resolutions, and encouraging all DART cities to pass resolutions to fund DART at the current \$.01 sales tax level. In response to a question raised by Mayor Beecherl, Ms. Lee explained that the parking support for the Highland Park Village would require coordination and collaboration, and it is difficult to estimate how long that process would take. In response to a question raised by Council Member Novakov, Ms. Lee stated that GoLink service is similar to Uber but with a shorter wait time and less cost. In response to inquiries from Council Member Friedman and Mayor Beecherl, Mr. Slagel acknowledged that while DART has been aware of member city service concerns for the past 20 years, these issues were not addressed in the long-term financial plan. Mr. Slagel added once DART receives understanding of the funding model, any newly proposed service enhancements will need to be included in future budgets to ensure appropriate funding and implementation. Mr. Slagel thanked the Town Council for their time and requested the Town Council to consider funding DART at the current \$.01 sales tax rate. Mayor Beecherl thanked Mr. Slagel and Ms. Lee for their presentation.

Mayor Beecherl adjourned the Town Council meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Approved on this the 4th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary

APPROVED:



Lydia Novakov
Acting Mayor Pro Tem