

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 8:49 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.

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. There was no comment.

REPORTS

Review and discuss the emergency stormwater repair for Lakeside Drive. Lori Chapin, P.E., Director of Engineering, explained that recent heavy rainfall and flooding caused a section of storm drainage pipe to fail under the roadway near the Armstrong and Lakeside intersection, creating a sinkhole. The affected portion of the roadway will remain temporarily closed until repairs can be made. Town staff performed a limited television inspection of the storm pipe upstream of the failure. The existing pipe is clay tile and has longitudinal cracking and separated joints. In addition, it is located below the island at Lakeside and Armstrong and under the trees, which left a void. The Town hired Magnum Manhole and Underground to perform a more detailed television inspection and locate a previous repair performed upstream that will be used for the new connection. It is anticipated that a manhole will be installed at that location, and a new pipe will be installed along Lakeside Drive. Depending on the existing condition, it may be necessary to replace additional pipe. Due to the emergency nature of the work, staff will perform it under Texas Local Government Code Section 252.022(a)(2), which provides that procurements necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents are exempt from competitive bidding. Staff will present a ratification item for approval at a future Town Council meeting. In response to a question raised by Council Member Novakov, Ms. Chapin stated that the repair would take approximately 30 days. Ms. Chapin confirmed that project information will be sent to the residents via BlueZone.

Review and discuss the 2025 Swim Season Schedule and provide an update on operations. Chelsey Gordon, Director of Policy Development and Strategic Initiatives, presented a report on the Town's annual summer swim programming. During the 2024 Swim Season, there were 13,158 total check-ins. On average, there were 112 check-ins per day for open swim, and 20 check-ins per

day for lap swim. The 2025 Swim Season will mirror the 2024 Swim Season in terms of the length of the season. In 2023, four weeks were added to the end of the lap swim season to extend it to Thanksgiving at the request of the lap swimming group. On average, there were 28 lap swimmers each day during this time last year. A request has been made to extend lap swimming year-round, including weekends, and to begin at 6:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will start assessing this request for feasibility and may make a recommendation later in the swim season. Mayor Beecherl requested staff to research a separate fee for swimmers who utilize the pool outside of the regular swim season, to which Ms. Gordon concurred. Staff will also research partnerships with the YMCA and Southern Methodist University.

Review and discuss the monthly Financial and Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2024. John Samford, CPA, Director of Finance, presented the highlights of the Financial and Investment Report. This report is for the period ending December 31, 2024. The report accurately presents the Town's financial records as of February 7, 2025. General and Utility Fund combined revenues amount to \$14,567,872, 30.3% of the annual budgeted amounts. The General and Utility Fund combined expenditures and encumbrances amount to \$9,899,782, or 19.5% of the combined fiscal year 2024-25 budget. The total market value of the Town's cash and investment portfolio on December 31 was \$ 61,904,552, yielding an average weighted return of 4.74%, with an average maturity of 85 days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. *In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss §551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding ending or contemplated litigation or settlement offer re: Sam C. Tamborello v. Town of Highland Park - Case No. 3-24CV1356-E; and USAI, LP v. Town of Highland Park - Cause No. DC-20-80213).*
2. *In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss §551.071: Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re: multiple provisions of the Town's Code of Ordinances including provisions related to building regulations (Chapter 3), fire prevention (Chapter 5), and nuisances (Chapter 8).* Mayor Beecherl recessed the study session at 9:33 a.m. Mayor Beecherl convened a closed session at 9:45 a.m. Mayor Beecherl ended the closed session at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened the study session in open session at 10:10 a.m. No final action, decision, or vote was taken during the closed session.

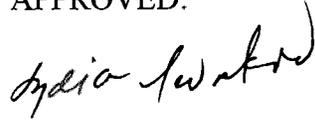
RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

1. *Pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, the final action, decision, or vote regarding items discussed in Executive Session shall be made in Open Session. Review, discuss, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.* Mayor Beecherl reconvened the study session in open session at 10:10 a.m. No motion was made.

Mayor Beecherl adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

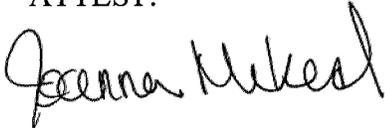
APPROVED on this 4th day of March 2025.

APPROVED:



Lydia Novakov
Acting Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary