

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, APRIL 15, 2025.

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

A. Proclamation recognizing April 13th - 19th, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week in the Town of Highland Park. Mayor Beecherl read the proclamation and thanked the staff for all their hard work.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Don Snell, seconded by Council Member Lydia Novakov, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Items A. through D. 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 on the service partnership between the Highland Park Department of Public Safety and Dynamark Monitoring.*
- B. Take action authorizing the Town Administrator to execute a contract for the FY 2025 Traffic Signal Upgrades.*
- C. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on April 1, 2025.*
- D. Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council study session held on April 1, 2025.*

VI. MAIN AGENDA

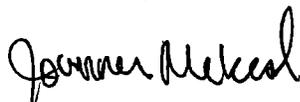
A. Review, discuss, and take action on proposed amendments to Code of Ordinance Section 3.01.002 to incorporate provisions related to the installation of artificial turf and Section 3.01.003 related to the installation of construction site perimeter fences. Jeff Armstrong, AICP,

Director of Community Development, stated that the Town's Code of Ordinances allows artificial turf on properties but prohibits it in front yards, easements, and where it can be seen from any street, sidewalk, parkway, or alley. Town staff recommends amending the ordinance to allow civic users to install artificial turf in front yards and where it might be seen from other public areas. The proposed ordinance defines "Civic use" as land or buildings used as public schools, universities, or government facilities. Staff proposes additional requirements for artificial turf, including allowed materials, drainage requirements, color that mimics natural turf, quality of the installation, and maintenance requirements. A further requirement applicable only in residential installations would limit the turf height to 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches. Additionally, Town staff proposes an amendment to the construction screening requiring the mesh material on the screening fence to be six to eight feet tall. In the current ordinance, the definition states the mesh material to be six to eight feet in height. Still, another paragraph states that the mesh shall be limited to four feet in height to allow visibility onto the site for security. The Department of Public Safety has been involved in discussions about this proposed change and is in support. Council Member Novakov suggested adding language to the ordinance that clarifies that the artificial turf for "Civic use" is used for playgrounds and athletic fields. The Town Council Members agreed with Council Member Novakov, and the Mayor requested that the language be added to the ordinance. On a motion made by Council Member Lydia Novakov, seconded by Council Member Leland White, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve amendments to Code of Ordinance Section 3.01.002 to incorporate provisions related to the installation of artificial turf with clarifying language specifying that it is permitted for playgrounds and athletic fields intended for "Civic use", and Section 3.01.003, regarding the installation of construction site perimeter fences.

Mayor Beecherl adjourned the Town Council meeting at 8:16 a.m.

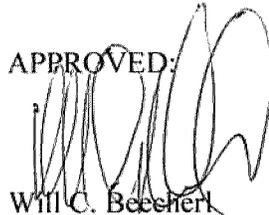
Approved on the 6th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary

APPROVED:



Will C. Beecherl
Mayor