

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 8:42 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025.

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

I. Mayor Will C. Beecherl called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

II. 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.

III. FUTURE AGENDA DISCUSSION

A. 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. Mayor Beecherl asked if any Town Council Member would like to request that an item be placed on a future Town Council study session agenda for discussion or consideration. There was no comment.

IV. REPORTS

A. Review and discuss the development of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Combined Operating and Capital Budget. John Samford, CPA, Director of Finance, stated that per the Town Charter, the staff develops a proposed budget each year to submit to the Town Council for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget ultimately adopted results from a process that receives input from citizens, Town Departments, Town Management, and the Town Council. This is an opportunity for staff to receive comments from the Town Council relating to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Combined Operating and Capital Budget (the "FY 2026 Budget") process and/or any items the Town Council would like the staff to consider, study, or incorporate into the FY 2026 Budget. While there will be additional opportunities for the Town Council to provide direction regarding the FY 2026 Budget, this meeting is designed to receive input from the Town Council when the Proposed Budget is being developed. Council Member Myers proposed exploring specific projects where issuing debt could result in cost savings. Mr. Samford acknowledged Council Member Myer's request and reviewed the budget development process, including key upcoming dates. Mayor Beecherl asked if there were any further questions, to which there were none.

CLOSED SESSION

A. 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 pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offer re: USAI, LP v. Town of Highland Park - Cause No. DC-20-80213.

B. In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – REAL ESTATE – the Town Council will convene into closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

The Town Council did not go into closed session.

OPEN SESSION

A. Pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, the final action, decision, or vote regarding Closed Session Item A. and B. above, shall be made, if any. No motion was made. The Town Council did not go into closed session.

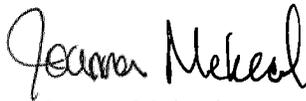
Mayor Beecherl adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

APPROVED on the 17th day of June 2025.

APPROVED:


Will C. Beecherl
Mayor

ATTEST:


Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary