

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, JUNE 17, 2025.

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

- I. Mayor Will C. Beecherl called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Council Member Marc Myers 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. 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 F. 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 authorizing the Town Administrator to execute the construction contract with Axis Contracting, Inc. for the 2024 Alley Reconstruction and Utility Improvements project.*
- B. *Take action authorizing the Town Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Beverly Drive Reconstruction Project.*
- C. *Take action on Resolution 006-25 to adopt the Dallas County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.*
- D. *Take action on Resolution 007-25 authorizing the Town Administrator to execute Amendment #1 to the Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.*
- E. *Take action on the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on June 3, 2025.*
- F. *Take action on the minutes of the Town Council study session held on June 3, 2025.*

V. PRESENTATION

A. *Presentation by Joe R. Goyne, Chairman of Pegasus Bank.* Joe R. Goyne, Chairman of Pegasus Bank, presented the renderings of a proposed Pegasus Bank office building at the corner of Harvard Avenue and the Katy Trail. The building will be in the City of Dallas, but the site is directly adjacent to the Town of Highland Park. While the building plans remain preliminary, the

renderings reflect the current vision for the site. The intent is to ensure that the design complements the surrounding neighborhood and respects the character and expectations of Highland Park residents. The building will be two stories high, and no parking on Highland Park streets. In response to a question raised by Council Member Novakov, Mr. Goyne confirmed there will be no underground parking, only parking on the premises of the building. In response to a question raised by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Mr. Goyne stated that he aspired for construction to begin in early 2026. Mr. Goyne thanked Mayor Beecherl and the Town Council for their time.

VI. MAIN AGENDA

A. Review, discuss, and take action to revise the Code of Ordinances to amend Chapter 12, Article 12.07, Division 3, Section 12.07.085 Parking Limited to Two Hours and repeal and replace Chapter 12, Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.07 Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 6 Residential-Only Parking Permit Area. Lori Chapin, P.E, Director of Engineering, stated the southeast area of the Town of Highland Park (“Town”) has been experiencing increased traffic congestion and parking challenges due to construction activities and patrons searching for parking. To address these concerns, Town staff proposes an amendment to Chapter 12 Article 12.07, Division 6 of the Code of Ordinances, to include Resident-Only Parking in the southeast portion of town. It is proposed that Resident-Only Parking be initiated between 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. With the addition of resident-only parking in multiple areas of Town, it was determined to be beneficial to rewrite Chapter 12, Article 12.07, Division 6 to address changes over the years and organize and clarify some of the language. Additionally, to discourage long-term parking along Abbott Park while supporting short visits to the park without a permit, staff propose initiating 2-hour parking on Abbott Avenue, adjacent to the park on the east side of the road between the hours of 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. In response to a question raised by Council Member Novakov, Ms. Chapin confirmed that the Resident-Only Parking signage proposed today will replace the current Resident-Only Parking signage throughout the Town for cohesion. The Highland Park Department of Public Safety will enforce the parking requirements. In response to a question raised by Council Member Friedman, Ms. Chapin confirmed that five visitor passes will be given to each resident residing along the Resident-Only Parking enforcement streets. Mary Rodgers, 4608 Abbott Avenue, and Mary Mousa, 3504 Euclid Avenue, both spoke in favor of passing the proposed ordinance. Alexa Herring, 4813 Abbott Avenue, also spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and requested that the traffic on Abbott Avenue be studied as well. Mayor Beecherl asked if there were any other comments, to which there were none. On a motion made by Council Member Marc Myers, seconded by Council Member Alan Friedman, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 2146 to amend Chapter 12, Article 12.07, Division 3, Section 12.07.085 Parking Limited to Two Hours and repeal and replace Chapter 12, Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.07 Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 6 Residential-Only Parking Permit Area.

Mayor Beecherl adjourned the Town Council meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Approved on the 1st day of July 2025.

APPROVED:

Will C. Beecher
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary