

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 8:40 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025.

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

I. Mayor Will C. Beecherl called the meeting to order at 8:40 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. No items were suggested for a future meeting.*

IV. REPORTS

*A. Review and discuss a presentation from Kendig Keast Collaborative providing a regulatory audit of the current Zoning Ordinance. Jeff Armstrong, A.I.C.P., Director of Community Development, explained that Kendig Keast Collaborative ("KKC") will be in the Town of Highland Park on October 21, 2025, to hold a series of meetings, including a design workshop and review of their diagnostic and critique of the Zoning Ordinance. Brain Mabry, A.I.C.P., KKC Vice President and Project Manager, presented the results of their diagnostic and critique. The top eight topics to address included (1) Enhance Ordinance User-Friendliness; (2) Create Single-Family Compatibility Standards for Teardowns; (3) Establish Modest Tree Preservation Standards on Private Property; (4) Establish Nonresidential Landscaping Standards; (5) Address Lot Coverage Concerns; (6) Modernize and Clarify Districts and Dimensional Standards; (7) Incorporate Amendments for Legal Compliance; and (8) Incorporate Staff Suggestions. The Town Council Members engaged in a thorough and thoughtful discussion on each topic, carefully considering all perspectives and providing constructive feedback to guide future actions. Mr. Mabry thanked the Town Council for their discussion.*

V. CLOSED SESSION

*A. In accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Section 551.074, - PERSONNEL MATTERS - the Town Council will convene into closed session to deliberate on the appointment, employment, and duties of the Town Secretary, Town Administrator, Municipal Judge, and Town Attorney.*

*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 discuss this item in closed session.*

Mayor Beecherl recessed the study session at 9:56 a.m., and convened a closed session at 9:56 a.m., pursuant to: (A) In accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Section 551.074, - PERSONNEL MATTERS - the Town Council will convene into closed session to deliberate on the appointment, employment, and duties of the Town Secretary, Town Administrator, Municipal Judge, and Town Attorney.

Mayor Beecherl ended the closed session at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened the study session in open session at 11:18 a.m. No final action, decision, or vote was taken during the closed session.

VI. OPEN SESSION

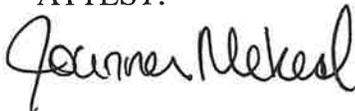
*A. Pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, the final action, decision, or vote regarding Closed Session Item A. above shall be made, if any. No motion was made.*

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Beecherl adjourned the Study Session at 11:19 a.m.

APPROVED on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

APPROVED:  
  
Will C. Beecherl  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal  
Town Secretary