

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting that was called to order on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., in the Harker Heights Activities Center, Room A, 400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights, Texas, with the following members present:

ROLL CALL: Mayor Spencer H Smith
Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer McCann
Councilmember Michael Blomquist
Councilmember Lynda Nash
Councilmember Sam Halabi

City Manager David Mitchell
City Secretary Julie Helsham

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tony Canterino

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the special meeting and regular meeting held on May 10, 2022.

Councilmember Blomquist made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting and regular meeting held on May 10, 2022. Councilmember Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS:

Patrick Abrams, 813 Mustang Trail, Harker Heights, Texas, 76548, gave a presentation.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Council received and discussed the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Second Quarter Investment Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
2. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Title VII Transportation Code, Chapters 70, 71, 72, 74, and 75. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, and Commander Randy Stefek, made the presentation.

Councilmember Blomquist made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Title VII Transportation Code of the Harker Heights Code. Councilmember Nash seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

3. Council discussed and considered approving an amendment to the Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Gambit Social House, Inc. (“gambit”) modifying the construction completion date to October 31, 2022, for the administration of one or more programs for making grants or loans of public money to promote economic development and stimulate business and commercial activities within the City; and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the city. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann made a motion to approve amending the economic development incentive agreement with Gambit Social House, Inc., modifying the construction completion date to October 31, 2022, for the administration of one or more programs for making grants or loans of public money to promote economic development and stimulate business and commercial activities within the City; and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Councilmember Halabi seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

4. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Councilmember closing statements.

Councilmember Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- May 12th – Harker Heights After Hours Chamber Business Social hosted by Smile Doctors.
- May 14th – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market at City Hall.
- May 19th – Harker Heights Chamber Lunch Mob at Bella Sera Restaurant.
- May 21st – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market at City Hall.
- May 24th – Killeen Independent School District Board of Trustee Meeting for a swearing-in ceremony.

Councilmember Blomquist encouraged all citizens to come and check out the Harker Heights Farmer’s Market on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. Blomquist stated that the Memorial Walk is also scheduled on Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. so everyone can still walk over to the Harker Heights Farmer’s Market.

Mayor Pro Tem McCann stated she was able to make it to the Harker Heights Farmer’s Market after waiting in the parking lot of the very busy Baseball Fields for about 30 minutes. McCann stated the Farmer’s Market had a great turn out.

Councilmember Halabi stated that he also attended the Harker Heights Farmer’s Market. Halabi stated from May 21st to the 23rd he had the honor of visiting the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. Halabi stated it was an amazing experience to see what our soldiers go through and hard they train.

Councilmember Nash stated that on May 21st the Harker Heights Community Resource Center held its every 3rd Saturday Food Distribution off of Veteran’s Memorial and if you want to

volunteer, to come on out. Nash stated that she attended the Hoop Fest at Shoemaker High School that our Harker Heights Police Department participated in and “Rocked it”. Nash also stated she attended a Business Mixer.

2. Update and announcements from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- May 12th – Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board Meeting in Belton.
- May 12th – Harker Heights City Hall Meeting with City Staff.
- May 13th – III Corps Reception and Ribbon-cutting Ceremony at the People First Center at Fort Hood.
- May 17th – Harker Heights City Council Workshop at the Harker Heights Activity Center.
- May 19th – Harker Heights Cares Committee Meeting at the Harker Heights Activity Center.
- May 19th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Lunch Mob at Bella Sera Restaurant.
- May 19th – Killeen Education Foundation Starmaker’s Awards Ceremony and Banquet at the Killeen Conference and Convention Center for five KISD High Schools.
- May 21st – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary

City Council
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