

Minutes of the of the City Council meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, by a telephonic meeting to contain the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat and action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act issued on March 16, 2020:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Spencer H. Smith	Mayor
	Michael Blomquist	Mayor Pro-tem
	Jennifer McCann	Councilmember Place 1
	Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Councilmember Place 3
	Lynda Nash	Councilmember Place 4
	Jody Nicholas	Councilmember Place 5
	David Mitchell	City Manager
	Julie Helsham	City Secretary

### **Consent Items:**

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2021. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Presentations by Citizens:**

Phillip Sueoka, 200 East Robin Lane, Harker Heights, Texas, presented information regarding issues at his carwash located at 806 South Ann Blvd, Harker Heights, Texas.

### **New Business:**

1. Council did not discuss and consider approving a request for a Concept Plan referred to as the Morstatter Subdivision, on property described as Meadow Acres, Block Five (5), Lot Nine (9), McDonald's Mobile Home Park, generally located at 205 W. Beeline Lane, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. This item was withdrawn by requestor. No action taken.
2. Council discussed and considered approving a request for a Preliminary Plat referred to as the Magill Property, on property described as 3.731 acres of land situated in the Lucy D. O'Dell Survey, Abstract No. 644, and the H.R. Morrell Survey, Abstract No. 579, being a portion of the remainder of a Called 490.1 acre tract conveyed to James Dennis Magill, in Volume 1177, Page 145, Deed Records of Bell County, Texas, generally located within the 3000 Block of Stillhouse Lake Road, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director made the presentation. Blomquist made the motion to disapprove with the explanation that the action does not meet or comply with the City of Harker Heights Ordinances or State Law. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion to disapprove passed 5-0.
3. Council discussed and considered approving one of the four options, or a hybrid thereof, as presented in the 2020/21 Transit Study of Organizational Structure for the Hill Country Transit District. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve Option #2 for the City of Harker Heights on the Hill Country Transit District Study. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing an Application for a Grant through the General Victims Assistance Direct Services Program in the amount of \$18,452.20 to fund Improvements to the Harker Heights Police Department's Healthy Homes Program; Authorize the City Manager to act and sign on behalf of the City. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve including in-kind match and no cash match. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's Grant Application in the General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program through the Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Program for funding in the amount of \$10,000 toward Improvements to the Harker Heights Police Department's Healthy Homes Program; Authorize the City Manager to act and sign on behalf of the City. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, made the presentation. Nash made the motion to approve with no in-kind match or cash match. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's Participation in the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding of \$40,239.00 towards the purchase of Tactical Medical Kits for the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and Mass Casualty First Aid Kits; Authorize the City Manager to act and sign on behalf of the City. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve with no in-kind or cash match. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's Participation in the Grant Program Administered by the Central Texas Council of Governments through the Office of the Governor of Texas, for funding of \$23,774.96 towards the purchase of eight (8) Harris XL-185P P-25 Compliant Police Communication Handheld Radios; Authorize the City Manager to act and sign on behalf of the City. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, made the presentation. Blomquist made the motion to approve with no requirements for cash or in-kind match. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

*At 6:09 p.m. Mayor Smith called for a short break.*

*Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.*

8. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's Participation in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program administered by the Office of the Governor for funding of \$16,650.00 for the purchase of Vehicle Trauma First Aid Kits and Individual First Aid Kits; Authorize the City Manager to act and sign on behalf of the City. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve with no cash or in-kind match. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's participation in the State Homeland Security Grant Program administered by the Central Texas Council of Governments for funding of \$61,210.00 towards the purchase of Digital License Plate Readers; Authorize the City Manager to sign and act on behalf of the city. Phil Gadd, Police Chief, made the presentation. Nash made the motion to approve with no cash or in-kind match. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Council discussed and considered approving a request from Ridge Jordan for a facility rental at the Carl Levin Park Pavilion for an event in excess of ten (10) people on Friday, March 5, 2021. Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
11. Council discussed and considered approving a request from the City of Harker Heights Activities Center to host an event at Purser Family Park for in excess of ten (10) people on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
12. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to Order a Municipal Election to be held on May 01, 2021, for the purpose of Electing Councilmember, Place 2, and Councilmember, Place 5 to the Harker Heights City Council for a Full Three-Year Term (2021-2024); Designating the polling place; Authorizing the appointment of Election Officials; Authorizing an Election Services Contract with the Election Office of Bell County, Texas, for the coordination and use of Voting Machines and Equipment; Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Election Services Contract on behalf of the City. Julie Helsham, City Secretary, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
13. Council discussed and considered authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Killeen Independent School District (KISD) and Central Texas College (CTC) to conduct a Joint Election for the May 01, 2021, Harker Heights General Election with the KISD Trustee Election and the Central Texas Trustee Election. Julie Helsham, City Secretary, made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Items from Council:**

Mayor Pro-tem Blomquist gave an update on the COVID-19 numbers and the vaccines. Blomquist encouraged everyone to stay vigilante and safe.

Councilmember Fountain stated the III Corps has started the end of month Retirement Ceremony and had one retiree last month to retire in Harker Heights and another will retire this month. Fountain stated that they put wreaths at the Veteran's Cemetery along with their Community Partners and got to visit with the military families.

Councilmember Nash stated that last weekend she attended a Women's Health Care Clinic at the Moose Lodge.

**Staff Reports:**

1. Council received and discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 First Quarter Investment Report. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
2. Council received and discussed the Unaudited Financial Statements for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. No action taken.
3. Council received and discussed the City Manager’s Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

**Announcements:**

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- January 28<sup>th</sup> – CTCOG Virtual Executive Committee Annual Meeting
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harker Heights City Council Workshop
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with representatives from U. S. Congressman Carter’s Office
- February 5<sup>th</sup> – Video reading for the Harker Heights Public Library
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – III Corps Luncheon at OIF Dining Facility aboard Fort Hood with Brigade Commanders and Spouses

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Helsham, City Secretary