

Minutes of the of the City Council meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 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:

Roll Call:	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
	Charlie Olson	City Attorney

Mayoral Proclamations and Presentations:

1. Mayor Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Farris Landscaping owner Brandon Farr in recognition of the assistance they provided to the citizens of Harker Heights, Texas, during the February 2021 Severe Winter Storm event.
2. Mayor Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Stanley Secrest, Scott Secrest, Jim Thompson and Armando Martinez, HWY 195 Used Auto Parts owner and associates, in recognition of the assistance they provided to the citizens of Harker Heights, Texas, during the February 2021 Severe Winter Storm event.
3. Mayor Smith presented the Municipal Court Staff with the 2021 Municipal Traffic Safety Award from the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center (TMCEC).
4. Mayor Smith presented Lisa Youngblood, Library Director, Christina Link, Reference Librarian, and Erica Rossmiller, Children's Librarian, with the 2021 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA).
5. The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Anneli Hill, Director of Central Texas 4-C Headstart, President of Central Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Flavia Nazario, Owner/Director of Care 4 Tots Learning Center in Harker Heights and Larry Kotch, Workforce Solutions, declaring April 10-16, 2021, as the Week of the Young Child.

Consent Items:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2021. Fountain made the motion to approve as written. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Presentations by Citizens:

Ashfaq Abbasi, 2004 Harvest Drive, Harker Heights, Texas 76548, spoke regarding his rezone request for his property located on Old Nolanville Road, Harker Heights, Texas.

Public Hearings:

1. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from PD-R (Planned Development Residential) to B-4 (Secondary and Highway Business District) on property described as Stonewall Ridge Phase I, Lot Tract A, (Future Development), Acres 1.466, generally located near the intersection of Nola Ruth Blvd. and Old Nolanville Road, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Ashfaq Abbasi, requestor, was present to represent the request. Nicholas made the motion to disapprove the request. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion to disapprove the request approved 5-0.
2. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District) to R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling District) on property described as Valley View Second Extension, Block Seven (7), Lot Six (6), Acres 0.20, generally located at 122 E. Turnbo Road, Harker Heights, Bell County. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. James Herring, applicant's representative, was present to represent the request. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
3. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District) to R-1(M) (One Family Manufactured Home Dwelling District) on property described as Meadow Acres Retreat Addition AKA Retreat Addition, Lot Thirteen (13), Acres 0.16, generally located at 117 Bybee Court, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Nash made the motion to disapprove the request based on Staff's recommendation and findings. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion to disapprove the request approved 5-0.
4. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District) to R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling District) on property described as Wildewood Acres, Block Seven (7), Lot Nine (9), & 10 foot strip adjacent on North, Acres 0.17, generally located at 917 Maplewood Drive, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Raymond Hamden, applicant, was present to represent the request. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
5. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Section 125.02(B) of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances to add definitions which will standardize enforcement within Chapter 125 of the Harker Heights Code of Ordinances. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Blomquist made the motion to approve based on Staff's recommendation and findings. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

New Business:

1. Council discussed and considered approving a request for Preliminary Plat approval for the subdivision referred to as Abooha Toklo Phase Three, on property described as a 13.740 acre tract of land in Bell County, Texas, being part of the H.B. Littlefield Survey, Abstract No. 511, the land herein described being all of Lot eight (8), Block one (1), Amended plat of Marley Addition, an addition to the City of Harker Heights, Texas, being of record in Cabinet C, Slide 123-A, also being the remainder of Lot three (3), Block one (1), Abooha Toklo Addition, Phase One, generally located south of Killeen Independent School District Middle School #14 (Nolan Middle School), on properties between Pueblo and Warriors Path, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve with the following conditions: the following shall be addressed prior to approval of the final plat: a.) provide for the required minor arterial right-of-way width along Warrior's Path (Lot 24, Block 1 shall be in line with Lot 23, Block 2). b.) place a note on the plat dedication page indicating that no access will be granted onto Warrior's Path from the following lots: Lot 24, Block 2 and Lot 23, Block 2. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a contract for Engineering Services with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the Wastewater Impact Fee Study. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
3. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, establishing and confirming an economic development program pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
4. Council discussed and considered approving a request for an exemption from the Park Curfew to the Air Force Tactical Air Control Party Association for a 24-hour Memorial Run on April 29-30, 2021. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Closed Meeting:

1. At 6:50 p.m. the Mayor announced a closed meeting for the following purposes:
 - (A) Pursuant to 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with City Attorney regarding Pending Litigation - Harker Heights Condominiums, LLC v. City of Harker Heights, et al and other confidential legal matters.

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Items from Council:

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that he was honored to be able to represent the City on behalf of the Mayor at the March 31st Harker Heights High School Wrestling Seniors Night, where they were celebrating all the accomplishments of the Wrestling Team. Blomquist stated that he was going to steal some of the City Manger's thunder again and announce that on May 8th, which is less than three (3) weeks away, will be the Farmer's Market Grand Opening right here at City Hall.

Councilmember Fountain stated that on March 30th she attended the Harker Height Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet Event with the City of Harker Heights and Killeen Independent School District candidates. Fountain stated that she attended the Phantom Honors Ceremony Fort Hood Retirees and got to meet Major Ates and his family.

Councilmember Nash stated that she attended the following events:

- Vision 21 Class Team Building Exercise at a Retreat area in Killeen.
- Harker Heights Girls Basketball Team award presentation.
- HOP Board meeting.
- Women Veteran's (Divas and Dog-tags) event in Copperas Cove.
- Spoke with Community Park work crews regarding vandalism in the restrooms.

Staff Reports:

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

Councilmember Fountain stated that any citizens or others that are in need of the COVID-19 vaccine could e-mail or phone her and she would get them set-up to get the vaccine.

Announcements:

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- March 19th – Harker Heights High School Varsity Boys Baseball, and threw out the First Pitch.
- March 26th – Phantom Honors Ceremony Fort Hood Retirees and congratulated Major Ates on his retirement.
- March 27th – Harker Heights Paws in the Park at Purser Park.
- March 29th – 14 Forward 2021 Annual Meeting at Killeen Civic Convention Center with guest speaker General Mike Murray, Commander Army Futures Command.
- March 30th – 2021 Proclamation Ceremony at III Corps Fort Hood – Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child.
- April 5th – Meeting at Harker Heights City Hall with City Staff and members of the Tax Appraisal Board.
- April 6th – Meeting with members of the Killeen Crime Committee and City Staff.
- April 6th – Harker Heights City Council Workshop.
- April 7th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Ribbon-Cutting at Market Heights new location for U. S. Army Recruiters.
- April 8th – Central Texas Sustainable Communities Partnership Ceremony at Monarch Park in Nolanville.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary