

Minutes of the of the City Council meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 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

Mayoral Proclamations and Presentations:

1. Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation to the Harker Heights High School Key Club declaring them a "Bright Star of Central Texas".
2. Mayor Smith presented a Proclamation to the Harker Heights High School Interact Club declaring them a "Bright Star of Central Texas".
3. Harker Heights Municipal Court Judge Billy Ray Hall, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to former Teen Court volunteer Jordan Pender as a new Lawyer to practice law in the State of Texas.

Consent Items:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meetings held on May 11, 2021, and May 18, 2021. Fountain made the motion to approve as written. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
2. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Ordinance 2020-06 of the Harker Heights Code to extend the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration through July 3, 2021. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
3. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Ordinance 2021-08 of the Harker Heights Code to extend the Winter Storm State of Disaster Emergency Declaration through June 30, 2021. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

New Business:

1. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to sign a Non-Binding Letter of Intent expressing the intention to purchase a Rosenbauer Cobra Commander Chassis Aerial Ladder Truck. Paul Sims, Fire Chief, made the presentation. Nicholas made the motion to approve. Seconded by Fountain. 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 Public Drainage Easement Acquisition with Stateside Right of Way Services, LLC. for the Drainage Master Plan Capital Improvement Project No.2, Phase 2, 3, and 4. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Closed Meeting:

1. At 5:47 p.m. the Mayor announced a closed meeting for the following purposes:
 - (A) Pursuant to Government Code §551.087, to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the City Council seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City, and with which the City Council is conducting economic development negotiations, *to wit: 380 Agreement.*

Mayor Smith reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting:

1. Discuss and consider approving an Economic Development 380 Agreement with ABC Corporation.

The Mayor passed on Item XI-1 and moved to Item XII. No action was taken on Item XI-1.

Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions:

1. Council received and discussed a presentation by Shiloh Wester, Animal Advisory Committee Member, regarding an Annual Update on the Animal Advisory Committee Activities in 2020. Shiloh Wester, Pet Adoption Center Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

Items from Council:

Mayor Pro-tem Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- May 22nd - Harker Heights Pet Adoption Center “Kitten Shower” at the Harker Heights Activities Center
- May 15th and 22nd – Harker Heights Farmers’ Market
- May 22nd – Texas A&M Graduation Celebration at Carl Levin Park

Councilmember Fountain stated that she attended the following events:

- May 20th – 48 Chemical Brigade Change of Command Ceremony
- May 21st – 3rd Cavalry Regiment’s Garden Party
- May 21st – Fort Hood Retirement Ceremony
- May 25th – Fort Hood VIP Day event

Councilmember Nash stated that she attended the following events:

- May 12th – Hill Country Transit Board Meeting
- May 22nd – Employment Fair at the E-Center

Staff Reports:

1. 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:

- May 12th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Awards Celebration at the La Rio Mansion, Belton
- May 13th – Farewell meeting with Major General Gerald M. Strickland, British Army, III Corps Deputy Commanding General
- May 14th – III Corps Phantom Honors Award Ceremony for Major General and Mrs. Strickland
- May 14th – III Corps Phantom Honors Farewell and Welcome Ceremony for Major General and Mrs. Strickland and Major General and Mrs. Keating

- May 14th – Fort Hood Garrison and Community Farewell Dinner for Colonel Jason Wesbrock at Club Hood
- May 17th – Pet Adoption Center Meeting at Harker Heights City Hall
- May 18th – Harker Heights City Council Meeting, Workshop, and Cyber Security Training
- May 19th – Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization, Transportation Policy Planning Board Virtual Meeting
- May 20th – 3rd Cavalry Regiment Birthday Bash at First Army Division West Field
- May 21st – III Corps Phantom Honors Ceremony for Fort Hood Retirees at Club Hood
- May 21st – Policy meeting with City Staff at Harker Heights City Hall

Adjournment:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary