

Minutes of the City of Harker Heights Council Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in the Kitty Young Council Chamber at the Harker Heights City Hall, 305 Miller's Crossing, Harker Heights, Texas 76548:

Roll Call:	Spencer H. Smith	Mayor
	Jennifer McCann	Mayor Pro-tem
	Michael Blomquist	Councilmember Place 2
	Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Councilmember Place 3
	Lynda Nash	Councilmember Place 4
	Sam Halabi	Councilmember Place 5
	David Mitchell	City Manager
	Julie Helsham	City Secretary

Mayoral Proclamations and Presentations:

1. Mayor Smith proclaimed the month of October, 2021, as "Fire Prevention Month" and October 3rd - 9th, 2021, as "Fire Prevention Week". Fire Chief Paul Sims and members of the Fire Department were present to accept the proclamation.

Consent Items:

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meetings held on September 14, 2021, and September 21, 2021.

Blomquist made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on September 14, 2021, and September 21, 2021, as written. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Presentations by Citizens:

1. Eunice Humphrey, 1105 Alberta Circle, Harker Heights made a presentation regarding drainage issues.

Budget Items:

1. Council conducted a Public Hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, Levying a Tax Rate of \$0.6519 Per \$100 Valuation, comprised of \$0.5063 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.1456 for Interest and Sinking, for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Tax Year 2021). Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation.

Fountain made the motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, levying a tax rate of \$0.6519 per \$100 valuation, comprised of \$0.5063 for maintenance and operations and \$0.1456 for interest and sinking, for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Tax Year 2021). Seconded by Nash. Mayor Smith conducted a record vote. The results are as follows: McCann voted aye, Blomquist voted aye, Fountain voted aye, Nash voted aye, and Halabi voted aye. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Nash made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6519, which is effectively a 3.39% increase in the tax rate. Seconded by Halabi. Mayor Smith conducted a record vote. The results are as follows: McCann voted aye, Blomquist voted aye, Fountain voted aye, Nash voted aye, and Halabi voted aye. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

Regular Business:

1. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Chapter 33, of the Code of Harker Heights establishing an Arts Commission; Providing for Membership, Filling Vacancies, Removal; Providing for Qualifications of Members, Providing for Meetings and By-Laws; and Providing for an effective date. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation.

McCann made the motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, Amending Chapter 33, of the Harker Heights Code establishing an Arts Commission; Providing for Membership, Filling Vacancies, Removal; Providing for Qualifications of Members; Providing for Meetings and By-Laws; and providing for an effective date. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Council discussed and considered approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, amending Chapter 33, of the Code of Harker Heights to remove the Assistant Public Works Director and the Public Works Customer Relations Supervisor from the Storm Water Committee and adding the Public Works Administrative Assistant to the Storm Water Committee. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation.

Fountain motion to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 33, of the Code of Harker Heights to remove the Assistant Public Works Director and the Public Works Customer Relations Supervisor from the Storm Water Committee and adding the Public Works Administrative Assistant to the Storm Water Committee. Seconded by Halabi. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

3. 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. Council member closing statements.

Councilmember Fountain stated that she attended the following events:

- September 17th – POW/MIA Ceremony at VFW 3892 Harker Heights
- September 18th – A Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- September 20th – Harker Heights High School Community Homecoming Rally
- September 24th – III Corps Phantom Honors Ceremony for Fort Hood Retirees

Councilmember Blomquist stated that he attended the following events:

- September 18th – Harker Heights Farmer's Market
- September 20th – Harker Heights High School Community Homecoming Rally
- September 25th - Harker Heights Farmer's Market

Councilmember Blomquist thanked the City Manager and City Staff for providing him assistance as the Chairman for the Bell County Health District.

Councilmember Nash stated that she attended the following events:

- September 16th – Attended the Unaccompanied Soldier who had no family members at the Veteran's Cemetery
- September 17th – Command Sgt. Maj. A.C. Cotton Funeral Service
- September 20th – Harker Heights High School Community Homecoming Rally
- September 24th – Rededication of Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner Field at 13th ESC
- September 24th - III Corps Phantom Honors Ceremony for Fort Hood Retirees

Mayor Pro-tem McCann stated that she attended the following events:

- September 25th – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market
- September 20th – Harker Heights High School Community Homecoming Rally
- September 21st – Tour of the National Mounted Warfare Museum construction site with City Staff and City Council at Fort Hood

2. Updates and comments from the Mayor.

Mayor Smith stated that he attended the following events:

- September 15th – Harker Heights City Hall meeting with City Staff
- September 15th – Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- September 17th - POW/MIA Ceremony at VFW 3892 Harker Heights
- September 18th – House Redistricting Committee testimony at Austin State Capital
- September 20th – Harker Heights City Hall meeting with representative from 14 Forward and City Staff
- September 20th - Harker Heights High School Community Homecoming Rally
- September 21st - Tour of the National Mounted Warfare Museum construction site with City Staff and City Council at Fort Hood
- September 21st – Harker Heights City Council Workshop
- September 22nd – Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization, Transportation Policy Planning Board Meeting (Virtual) – Elected Chairman for October 2021-September 2022
- September 22nd – Fort Hood Community Services Council Meeting at Fort Hood
- September 23rd – Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board Meeting in Belton
- September 24th – 1st Cavalry Division Centennial Ceremony at Fort Hood
- September 24th - III Corps Phantom Honors Ceremony for Fort Hood Retirees
- September 24th – Harker Heights City Hall Meeting with City Staff
- September 25th – Tri-Unity Ministries Gathering at the Harker Heights Fire Department Central Station
- September 25th – Harker Heights Farmer’s Market
- September 27th – Harker Heights City Council Special Meeting
- September 28th – Senior Expo 2021 at Bell County Expo Center

Adjournment:

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Helsham, City Secretary