

**MINUTES  
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Pearce

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Sean Moore, and Councilmembers Chester Drash, Todd Kouse, Dale Randol, Wendy Gonzalez, and Glenna Pearce.

**V. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS [1:33]**

- Fire Department monthly report
  - Fire Chief Morgan reported 29 calls for service in February.
- Police Department monthly report
  - Police Chief Prichard reported 213 calls for service in February.
- Public Works Department monthly report
  - Kelly Cowan reported 27 Voigt Center rentals, 73 code enforcement cases, and updates on the upcoming pool season, maintenance, and drainage in February.
- Finance monthly report
  - City Treasurer Fred Timmons provided an overview of revenues and expenditures.
- Administration Department monthly report
  - City Secretary Patrick Aten reported 13 open record requests, 128 defendants in Municipal Court, 56 permits processed, updates on EDC projects, billboards, brochures, and other events in February.
- City Attorney monthly report
  - Frank Garza introduced himself.
- Mayor's monthly report
  - None.

**VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION [46:42]**

- Tonya Cummings spoke about an EDC Board member's comments made during the February City Council meeting.
- Bruce Graham asked about the new City Attorney. Mayor Moore clarified the previous City Attorney resigned.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA [51:00]**

1. Approval of the Minutes for the February 20 City Council Meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024.

- Councilmember Drash requested items 3, 4, and 5 of the Consent Agenda be pulled for discussion.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved to approve items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Drash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. Approval of the appointment of Frank Garza as City Attorney for the Town of Hollywood Park.
    - Councilmember Drash and Mayor Pro Tem Pearce asked about the contract with Frank Garza.
    - No action was taken.
  4. Approval of the appointment of prosecutors for the Town of Hollywood Park.
    - Patrick Aten presented the item.
    - Councilmember Drash moved to approve the item. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  5. Approval of the declaration for the election of unopposed candidates for Place 2, Place 4, and Mayor, and cancelation of the May 4, 2024 Regular Election.
    - Patrick Aten presented the item. The candidates for Place 2, Place 4, and Mayor are unopposed and therefore the City Council shall cancel the election.
    - Councilmember Randol moved to approve the item. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS [1:21:00]**

3. Presentation and acceptance of annual audit report.
    - Fred Timmons introduced the auditor.
    - Debbie Fraser, auditor, presented the audit.
    - Mayor Pro Tem Pearce moved to accept the annual audit report. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
1. Discuss and consider possible action regarding filling the anticipated unexpired term for Councilmember Place 1.
    - Alan Sale spoke about his interest in serving on Place 1.
    - Patrick Aten presented the item.
    - Mayor Moore announced the anticipated vacancy for Place 1.
    - After discussion, the City Council's consensus was to provide a deadline to apply for Place 1 by 5pm on April 30 and Council will interview applicants at a special Council meeting on May 13. No action was taken.
  2. Discuss and consider approval of the appointment to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors of one individual for term ending September 30, 2025, and two individuals for terms ending September 30, 2024.
    - Patrick Aten introduced the item.
    - Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the appointment of Brian Budnik, Kevin Adams, and Markham Benn. Councilmember Randol seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and consider approval of resolutions to submit grant applications for shield armor, body armor, shields, and body cameras.
  - Chief Prichard presented the item and stated that seizure funds would fund the Town's portion of any matching funds.
  - Councilmember Kounse moved to approve the item. Councilmember Drash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on April 16, 2024.

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Sean Moore, Mayor

Attest:

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Patrick Aten, City Secretary