



**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** [1:15]
 - Mayor Drash called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. **INVOCATION:** Councilmember Kounse
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** [2:06]
 - Members of the City Council present: Councilmember Jim Rodriguez, Councilmember Todd Kounse, Mayor Chester Drash, Mayor Pro Tem Dale Randol, Councilmember Wendy Gonzalez, and Councilmember Glenna Pearce.
- V. **REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS** [2:40]
 - **Police:** Chief Prichard reported 346 calls for service in September to include 15 offenses and 9 arrests. There were a total of 740 traffic stops with 226 citations. Chief Prichard also reported two vehicle burglaries, a criminal mischief case, one theft case, and eleven narcotic cases in the month of September.
 - **Fire:** Lt. Jeff Froboese reported 48 calls for service in the month of September, which included 31 EMS calls, five fire alarm calls, six hazardous conditions, four mutual aid structure fire calls, and two calls to assist the public. Lt. Froboese also spoke on behalf of the FD staff to recommend the appointment of Engineer Eric Burnside as Interim Fire Chief by the City Council.
 - **Code Enforcement:** Mayor Drash reported 101 calls for service in the month of September, which included 87 officer-initiated calls and twelve calls initiated by citizens. There were 54 contractor violations, 36 resident violations, 34 tree trimming violations, and 13 building permit violations. There were 32 Voigt Center rentals in the month of September.
 - **Finance:** City Treasurer, Fred Timmons, provided an overview of revenues and expenditures.
 - **City Attorney:** Attorney Frank Garza reported the development of an ordinance for budget amendments as well as agreements regarding personnel matters.
- VI. **Mayor:** Mayor Drash read a statement regarding recent personnel changes at Town Hall. Comments were made by Councilmember Pearce, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Randol, and Councilmember Rodriguez supporting the Mayor in the handling of the personnel matters.
- VII. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** [16:36]
 - Chris Murphy – 219 Donella – spoke about the partnership between Hollywood Park and Hill County Village for fire services.
 - Art Villarreal – 123 Antler Circle – spoke about brush pick up service and fees/costs and emergency tree removal.

- William Perotti 117 Antler Cir.- spoke about concerns about code violations from RegenTX at 120 Chula Vista such as inadequate fencing and improper lighting as well as the possible health impact on residents.
- Nancy Swan – 316 Meadowbrook Dr. – spoke about her opposition to recent personnel change regarding Kelly Cowan.
- Debbie Trueman – 228 Fleetwood Dr. spoke about the recent personnel changes and encouraged patience during the transition period.
- Bruce Graham – 134 Canyon Oaks – spoke about the recent personnel changes and provided his recommendation for changes for replacement of those positions.
- Sean Moore – 204 Alcalde Moreno – spoke about the recent personnel changes.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA [38:51]

1. Approval of the Minutes for the September 9th and 17th City Council Meetings and the October 2nd Special City Council Meeting.
 2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2024.
 3. Approval of the appointment of three individuals to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- Councilmember Pearce moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-3. Mayor Pro Tem Randol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS [40:11]

1. Discuss and take possible action on appointing an Interim Fire Chief. [Mayor Drash] [40:21]
 - a) Citizen Comment – no comments
 - b) Discussion – Mayor Drash recommended appointing Engineer Eric Burnside as the Interim Fire Chief.
 - Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to appoint Eric Burnside as Interim Fire Chief. Councilmember. Councilmember Rodriquez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Discuss and take possible action on appointing an Interim City Secretary. [Mayor]
 - a. Citizen Comment – no comments
 - b. Discussion – Mayor Drash recommended appointing Jeannette Huggins as the Interim City Secretary.
 - Councilmember Gonzalez made a motion to appoint Jeannette Huggins as the Interim City Secretary. Councilmember Pearce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Discuss and take possible action on appointing an Interim Public Works Director. [Mayor]
 - a. Citizen Comment – no comments
 - b. Discussion – Mayor Drash explained he will act as interim contact for Public Works matters. Jesse Rodriguez will oversee the everyday duties and responsibilities of the Public Works staff. The Code Compliance Officer will be reassigned to the Police Department with no change in her duties.

4. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance amending the FY 2023-24 Budget Summary. [F. Timmons, Treasurer]
 - a) Citizen Comment – no comments
 - b) Discussion – Fred Timmons, City Treasurer, presented and explained the items related to the proposed budget amendment ordinance.
 - o Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION [1:01:32]

1. Deliberate in accordance with Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, (consultation with attorney) regarding pending litigation styled Champagne Campaign LLC, et al. vs. Town of Hollywood Park.
- City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

XI. RECONVEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:04 p.m.

1. Discuss and take possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.
 - o No action taken

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- Mayor Drash adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on November 19, 2024.



Chester Drash, Mayor

Attest:



Jeannette Huggins
Interim City Secretary