

**MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Drash

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Drash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Chester Drash, and Councilmembers Jim Rodriguez, Todd Kounse, Dale Randol, Wendy Gonzalez, and Glenna Pearce.

V. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS [1:46]

- Fire Department monthly report
 - Fire Chief Morgan reported 62 calls for service in August and other updates.
- Police Department monthly report
 - Police Chief Prichard reported 387 calls for service in August.
- Public Works Department monthly report
 - Kelly Cowan reported 32 Voigt Center rentals, 111 code enforcement cases, and read a letter from a resident praising Code Enforcement Officer Perez.
- Finance monthly report
 - City Treasurer Fred Timmons provided an overview of revenues and expenditures.
- Administration Department monthly report
 - City Secretary Patrick Aten reported 9 open record requests, 183 defendants in Municipal Court, and 142 permits processed in August.
- City Attorney monthly report
 - None.
- Mayor's monthly report
 - Mayor Drash spoke positively about Chief Prichard.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION [58:16]

- Art Villarreal spoke on solid waste and revenues.
- Dayna Petrucci spoke positively about Chief Prichard.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA [1:04:55]

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 8, 15, 20, and 26 City Council Meetings.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of July 31, 2024.
3. Approval of the reappointment of the HPST representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending September 30, 2026.

4. Ratification of an agreement with Great Hearts Northern Oaks regarding use of Voigt Pool facilities.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Randol moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS [1:10:45]

1. Discuss and consider approval of the extension of the existing contract with Tiger Sanitation for solid waste services.
 - Mayor Drash presented the item.
 - Councilmember Rodriguez moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Randol seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
2. Discuss and consider approval of the FY 2024-25 Budget for the Economic Development Corporation.
 - Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Randol moved to approve the item. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the FY 2024-25 Budget.
 - Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Councilmember Kounse move that the Town of Hollywood Park adopt an Ordinance approving and adopting a budget that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by the amount of \$190,931 which is a 5.52% increase from last year's budget and the property tax revenue to be raised from the new property added to the tax roll this year is \$9,269. The proposed revenue increase will support maintenance and operations and interest and sinking funds for the Town of Hollywood Park. Councilmember Pearce seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.
4. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the FY 2024-25 Tax Rate.
 - Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Councilmember Kounse moved that the Town of Hollywood Park adopt an ordinance adopting a tax rate of \$0.4617 per \$100 valuation for use and support of the municipal government of the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Councilmember Kounse moved that out of tax rate \$0.4617 per \$100 valuation, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the total amount of principal and interest that will be paid to pay the Town's debts in the next year from property tax revenue, including adjustments for collections, be adopted at \$0.00 since the Town's debts are paid through other sources but backed by property taxes. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Councilmember Kounse moved that out of a tax rate of \$0.4617 per \$100, that \$0.4617 per \$100 valuation, be the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation

expenditures of the City for the next year. Councilmember Pearce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution ratifying the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget.
 - Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Councilmember Pearce moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Randol seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.
2. Consultation with attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to seek or receive legal advice regarding legal issues associated with municipal code enforcement.

City Council recessed into Executive Session from 7:32 p.m. to 8:51 p.m. No action was taken.

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:52 p.m. No action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Drash adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on October 15, 2024.



Chester Drash, Mayor

Attest:



Jeannette Huggins