



**MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Drash called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Gonzalez led the invocation.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mayor Drash led the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. **ROLL CALL 2:44**
Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Kounse, Mayor Drash, Mayor Pro Tem Randol, and Councilmember Gonzalez were present. Councilmember Pearce had an excused absence.
- V. **REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1) Interim Fire Chief Burnside reported over 65 calls for service of which 29 were EMS calls for service. There were 18 mutual aid calls of which 14 were cancelled prior to arrival. HPFD will be implementing new medical protocols in March. FD personnel have been working on a variety of training classes provided through State grants. Chief Burnside spoke about providing wellness checks on Thursdays, after recommendations from citizens.
 - 2) **7:40** Police Chief Prichard presented awards to Police staff:
Officer J. Castillo was presented a 5 year service award.
Officer M. Estrada was presented a 10 year service award.
Officer D. Wilburn was presented a 10 years service award.
Mayor Drash led a swearing-in ceremony for Officer M. Gomez.
The HPPD Annual Report will be presented at the next City Council meeting.
Chief Prichard reported 258 calls for service for the month of January to include 3 arrests. There was a total of 432 citations for the month of January. Chief Prichard spoke about a theft ring in the area that residents should be aware of.
 - a. Chief Prichard reported the Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Seizure Report.
 - 3) City Treasurer Fred Timmons reported the financials as of December 31, 2024.
 - a. Fred also provided the City Council with the quarterly investment report for Quarter 1 of Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 - b. **29:45** Fred introduced Jacob Twomey, Senior Audit Manager, of Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. who presented the FY 2023-2024 Hollywood Park Annual Financial Report.
 - 4) Interim City Secretary Jeannette Huggins reported January municipal court day had low attendance. There was a total of 166 defendants on the docket and of those 75 defendants appeared. Tree permits increased significantly in the month of January, most likely due to the upcoming moratorium. Jeannette also reported the period to apply for a place on the May 3rd General Election ballot closed Friday at 5:00 p.m. There was a total of four candidate applications received, two applications for Place 1, one application for Place 3, and one application for Place 5. Place 3 and Place 5 council members are unopposed candidates.
 - 5) City Attorney, Frank Garza, reported that his office had reviewed the contract for municipal court collections found in the agenda packet. His office has been working with Mayor Drash and being responsive to questions raised pertaining to the matter to be discussed in executive session.
- 6) Mayor's monthly report

Mayor Drash introduced Daryl Spillman of RESPEC to present the Town's 2024 Winter MS4 Report. The MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program is the stormwater system within the Town that is regulated by the EPA through TCEQ.

Mayor Drash reported on code compliance and Voigt Center rentals. He reported 80 code compliance calls for service with 73 of those being officer initiated. Of those calls 24 were resident related and 45 were contractor related. Voigt Center rentals were a little higher this January than last year.

Mayor Drash commented about the settlement of the Champagne Campaign, LLC, Bonnie Kay Browning, and Scott S. Troen vs. Town of Hollywood Park, which is related to the short-term rentals in Hollywood Park.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION 55:16

- Randy Tomasini of 103 Meadowbrook Dr. spoke read a letter expressing his objection of the discussion of his property in executive session.
-Mayor Drash announced he would have a statement after Executive Session.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA 1:00:39

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 28, 2025, City Council Meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of December 2024.
3. Acceptance of the FY 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report.
4. Acceptance of the FY 24-25 1st Quarter Investment Report.
-Councilmember Rodriguez moved to approve/accept the Consent Agenda.
-Councilmember Randol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 1:01:35 Discuss the concerns raised by Enclave residents at previous city council meetings.
 - a) Citizen Comment
-Mark Walker of 133 Antler Circle spoke of RegenTx and their 24/7 operations and issues the business has created for residents in The Enclave and residents have reached out to City Council and EDC for assistance.
 - b) Discussion
-Councilmember Gonzalez reported it has come to her attention that some people from The Enclave have been working directly with RegenTX for a resolution. Councilmember Gonzalez reported that they are hoping to have some resolution in the next couple of weeks. If not, we will pursue other avenues. At this point it appears they are willing to consider some solutions. Councilmember Gonzalez asked that any residents in The Enclave report nuisance issues as they are happening or with specific dates and times so that she can report it to RegenTX management.
-Mayor Drash reminded citizens in Hollywood Park to report incidents at the time of occurrence rather than hours or days later.
-Councilmember Rodriguez reported during research of this matter he found that RegenTX does not show to be paying property taxes on their equipment at their 120 Chula Vista Location.
2. 1:14:23 Discuss and take potential action to approve a 2025 Snack Shack Program.
 - a) Citizen Comments: None
 - b) Discussion:
-Mayor Drash advised this item will be tabled until next month.

-Councilmember Gonzalez asked for comments from citizens. She explained that the Snack Shack program was successful last year, and they would like to do it again this year.

3. Discuss and take potential action to allocate Court Technology Funds for the purchase of three (3) new court laptops.
 - a) Citizen Comments:

None.
 - b) Discussion:
 - Jeannette Huggins presented the item. She advised the current court laptops are over five years old and operate too slow for court operations. Funds for the purchase of these laptops will come from Court Technology funds. Information and pricing for different laptops was presented and compared with a quote from the Town's IT vendor.
 - Councilmember Rodriguez asked if the Texas SmartBuy program had been considered for the purchase of these laptops.
 - Councilmember Randol moved to approve the purchase of three laptops for Municipal Court proposed by BridgeheadIT and to be paid for by Court Technology Fund.
 - Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1:26:10

4. Discuss and take potential action to approve the renewal of a contract with MVBA for collections of delinquent municipal court fines and fees.
 - a) Citizen Comment:
 - Benjamin Trotter of 308 Sterling Browning and an attorney with Perdue Brandon, a collection firm reminded the council he was present in June to present to the City Council why his firm is a more appropriate firm for the Town. He explained he was expecting this matter to go out for RFP and didn't see proper posting. He asked that before renewal of the contract that the council go out for an RFP.
 - b) Discussion:
 - Mayor Drash explained the collection agency charges a 30% collections fee and they don't receive payment until the Town receives payment.
 - Jeannette explained the contract needs to be updated to reflect a change made during the previous administration, which changed the number of days, after a warrant is issued, before the collection agency receives cases from Municipal Court from 61 days to 90 days. The Town also wanted to include an expiration period of 3 years rather than keeping the auto renewal clause indicated in the 2012 contract.
 - Councilmember Randol expressed his support for seeking RFP's before renewing the current contract.
 - Councilmember Gonzalez also expressed her interest in seeing presentations and knowing all the options for this service.
 - Attorney, Frank Garza, explained there is no legal obligation to seek an RFP, it is at the discretion of the City Council.

-Councilmember Randol moved not to renew the current contract with MVBA until we seek other proposals through an RFP process.

-Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:42:20

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m

1. Consultation with Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code regarding unauthorized work in the floodplain within the Town of Hollywood Park.

2:26:44 The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor Drash read a statement regarding the issues at the Tomasini residence and the floodway.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Drash adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on March 18, 2025.



Chester Drash
Mayor

Attest:



Jeannette Huggins
Interim City Secretary