

**MINUTES  
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Drash called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Kounse led the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Drash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Drash, and Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Kounse, Councilmember Randol, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Councilmember Pearce.

Staff present: Fred Timmons, City Treasurer, Police Chief Prichard, Interim Fire Chief Burnside, Interim City Secretary Jeannette Huggins.

**V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion, consider, and take potential action to appoint a Fire Chief for the Hollywood Park Fire Department.
  - a) Citizen Comment

Bruce Graham of 134 Canyon Oaks asked to confirm that the cost of the background investigation being \$500-\$1,000 for each candidate.
  - b) Discussion:
    - Mayor Drash stated that this item was being removed from the agenda to provide one of the candidates the opportunity to be interviewed by the full interview board, as required by the hiring ordinance, and to allow time for completion of background checks for the final candidates. According to the City Attorney, the City Council has the discretion to either proceed with the process or table the item.
    - Councilmember Pearce asked how long the process might take if the item is tabled.
    - Chief Prichard recommended completing a general employee background check on the applicants for the interview. The TCOLE background process must be followed for the Fire Marshall. Chief Prichard stated the final candidate will go through the TCOLE background investigation, as required by law for a Fire Marshall, which could take up to six weeks. The final three candidates need to have a criminal background investigation performed prior to appointment.
    - Councilmember Rodriguez inquired about a zoom interview.
    - Councilmember Gonzalez prefers to follow the process for the interview.

2. Discuss, consider, and take potential action to appoint a City Secretary for the Town of Hollywood Park.
  - a) Citizen Comment
    - None
  - b) Discussion
 

Mayor Drash stated that Jeannette Huggins, the acting Interim City Secretary, was selected by the interview boards to be appointed City Secretary.

    - Councilmember Pearce provided comments about the interview/hiring process.

Councilmember Pearce moved to appoint Jeannette Huggins as City Secretary. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Discussion and direction regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.
  - a) Citizen Comment
    - Mike Morretti of 100 Shady Trail spoke about safety for Hollywood Park being top priority. Mr. Morretti inquired about warrant fees. He stated that if crime increases in Hollywood Park residents will not be happy. Right now, Hollywood Park is a safe city to live in. Mike Morretti of 100 Shady Trail spoke about his opposition to changing trash service billing and raising taxes.
    - Dayna Petruccia, HPPD Administrative Assistant spoke to confirm for the city council that HPPD staff did not receive a COLA increase for the current fiscal year, as was stated.
    - Lt. Anderson of the Hollywood of 2 Mecca Dr. spoke to express to the city council the need to focus on the current employees of HPPD. Credit for service years is an issue when HPPD looks to hire experienced officers.
    - Tonya Cummings of 129 Grand Oak thanked the City Council and each department head for their work on the budget. She agrees that the first responders are the backbone of Hollywood Park and it's important to keep the senior officers. She thinks the Town needs to address trash service for the Town to have that source of income as well as a tax increase. Tonya Cummings also spoke on the Deer Manager's position and pay.
  - b) Discussion
    - Mayor Drash, Fred Timmons, and Police Chief Prichard reviewed and discussed portions of the proposed budget.

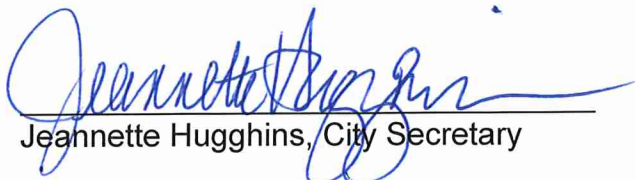
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Drash adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

  
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 Chester Drash, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Jeannette Huggins, City Secretary