

Minutes of the of the City Council meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, by a telephonic meeting to contain the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat and action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act issued on March 16, 2020:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Spencer H. Smith	Mayor
	Michael Blomquist	Mayor Pro-tem
	Jennifer McCann	Councilmember Place 1
	Jackeline Soriano Fountain	Councilmember Place 3
	Lynda Nash	Councilmember Place 4
	Jody Nicholas	Councilmember Place 5
	David Mitchell	City Manager
	Julie Helsham	City Secretary

### **Mayoral Proclamations and Presentations:**

1. The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Jeff Achee, Parks and Recreation Director, declaring January 12, 2021, to be "Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day".
2. Presentations and Recognitions:
  - (a) Mayor Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Moody for his work as the Election Official in the December 19, 2020, Municipal Runoff Election.
  - (b) The Mayor, City Councilmembers, and City Staff recognized departing Councilmember John Reider.

### **Installation of Officers:**

1. Honorable Billy Ray Hall Jr., Municipal Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Lynda Nash to serve as Councilmember, Place 4, for a three year term ending May, 2023.

*At 5:27 p.m. Mayor Smith called for a short break to reset.*

*Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.*

2. Council discussed electing a Mayor Pro-tem. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. Councilmember Fountain made the motion to continue with the current Mayor Pro-tem Michael Blomquist until the May Election. Seconded by Nash. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

### **Consent Items:**

1. Council discussed and considered approving the minutes of the meetings held on December 8, 2020, and December 29, 2020. McCann made the motion to approve as written. Seconded by Fountain. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

## **Presentations by Citizens:**

1. Council received and discussed a presentation regarding the Child Safety Fund. Bobby Whitson, Bell County Commissioner, Precinct 2, was in attendance and presented the City with a check for \$32,166.76 from the Bell County Child Safety Fund. No action taken.

Mr. Steve Moody, 204 Elbert Lane, Harker Heights, Texas, stated that he has been elected Precinct Chair for Precinct 201 in Bell County and stated that if he could help out the City in any way to contact him.

## **Public Hearings:**

1. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) on property described as a part of the Francis Hughes Survey, Abstract No. 396, 2.02 Acres, generally located at 1911 East Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Travis Mills, applicant, was present to represent the request. Blomquist made the motion to disapprove the request. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion to disapprove the request was approved 5-0.
2. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) to R-2 (Two Family Dwelling District) on property described as Lot Seven (7), Block One (1), Valley View Addition, an Addition to the City of Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas, according to the Plat of Record in Cabinet A, Slide 161-B, Plat Records of Bell County, Texas, generally located at 114 East Valley Road, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Raymond Hamden, applicant, was present to represent the request. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Nicholas. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
3. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, to change the zoning designation from B-4 (Secondary and Highway Business District) to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) on property described as Block Seven (7), Lot One (1), Stillforest Addition Replat, generally located at 1003 South Roy Reynolds Drive, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Richard Raymond, representative, was present to represent the request. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
4. Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, granting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for an accessory dwelling unit on property described as Evergreen Subdivision Phase Four, Block One (1), Lot Eleven (11), generally located at 2536 Jubilation Drive, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Lynne Boehm, applicant, was present to represent the request. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

## **New Business:**

1. Council discussed and considered a request for a concept plan approval of the Village at Nolan Heights on property described as a 47.626 Acre tract of land in Bell County, Texas, being part of the H.B. Littlefield Survey, Abstract No. 511, the land herein described being part of a called 113.5 Acre tract of land conveyed to Robert Don Sutton, Trustee, generally located North of K.I.S.D. Middle School No.14 along Warriors Path, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Nicholas made the motion to approve. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
2. Council discussed and considered approving a request by Remco Properties, LLC, for a Concept Plan Amendment of Amy Lane Addition Concept Plan, on property described as 6.917 Acres of land, more or less, part of the Cullendar Deelee Survey, Abstract No. 991, and the J. Thomlinson Survey, Abstract No. 813, generally located within the 700 Block of South Amy Lane, Harker Heights, Bell County, Texas. Kristina Ramirez, Planning and Development Director, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve with Condition 1: A waiver is granted to allow a single access and secondary emergency access as depicted in Concept Plan. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

*At 6:34 p.m. Mayor Smith called for a short break.*

*Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m.*

3. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, awarding a contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Main Lift Station Stairway Safety Improvements Project in the amount of \$64,000.00 to Primespec Construction, LLC; Authorize the City Manager to sign and act on behalf of the City. Mark Hyde, Public Works Director, made the presentation. Fountain made the motion to approve. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
4. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, authorizing the City's Participation in the No Place Like Home Challenge; Authorizing the City Manager to sign and act on behalf of the City. Gary Bates, IT Director, made the presentation. McCann made the motion to approve. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
5. Council discussed and considered approving the Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, awarding financing in the amount of \$405,000 for the purchase of computers and making certain findings thereto; authorize the City Manager to sign and act on behalf of the City. Ayesha Lealiiee, Finance Director, made the presentation. Nicholas made the motion to approve. Seconded by Blomquist. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.
6. Council discussed and considered approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harker Heights, Texas, adopting the City of Harker Heights 2021-2022 Legislative Platform For the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Jerry Bark, Assistant City Manager, made the presentation. Blomquist made the motion to approve. Seconded by McCann. All in favor. Motion approved 5-0.

### **Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions:**

Mayor Pro-tem Blomquist stated that since the last Council meeting the Bell County Health District Board has met and that he had sent out an email with a synopsis of what occurred at the meeting. There has been an explosion of the COVID-19 positive rate in Bell County with the total of cases over 3,000 and it is still growing. Blomquist encouraged everyone to please be aware to wear masks and avoid any kind of large gatherings.

### **Items from Council:**

Councilmember Fountain wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### **Staff Reports:**

1. Council received and discussed the City Manager's Report. David Mitchell, City Manager, made the presentation. No action taken.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business the City of Harker Heights City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Spencer H. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Helsham, City Secretary