

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WALLER  
CITY OF HEMPSTEAD**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April A.D., 2023 at 6:00 P.M. the City Council met in a Regular Meeting at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas, there being present, to-wit:

Erica Gillum, Mayor  
Lonnie Garfield, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Cindy Pearce, Councilmember  
Raul Villarreal, Councilmember  
Chase Murray, Councilmember  
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember

Bridgette Begle, City Attorney  
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

**1. Call to order and invocation.**

Mayor Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield gave the invocation.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**3. Public Comments.**

Denise Mattox is the Democratic Chairman spoke about ethics and politics and stated that Councilmember Mildred Jefferson is a wonderful council member.

**4. Zoning Ordinance amendment increasing minimum front setbacks in certain residential districts.**

**a. Public Hearing**

Mayor Erica Gillum opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 P.M.

Beth Ewing stated that she is a business and residential property owner. She is against the twenty-five feet setback. Mike Trojan is against setbacks. Building Inspector Frank Rodriguez stated that the twenty-five feet setback is for off street parking.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:17 P.M.

**b. Consider an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas amending Article 3 "Zoning Districts", Section 3.01 AR-Agricultural/Residential Districts", Section 3.02 "R-1Single -Family Residential District", Section 3.04 "Multi-Family Residential District", 3.03 R-2 Multi-Family Residential District", and Section 3.12 "Lot**

**Standards” of the Subdivision Ordinance to increase the Minimum front setbacks distances within the City for consistency with the Zoning Ordinance; providing for an effective date; and providing for severability and repealing all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith.**

Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked for clarification between the subdivision and platted lot setbacks. Building Inspector Frank Rodriguez answered to make both consistent. Councilmember Raul Villarreal stated we are not a subdivision we are a city. He is against setbacks. Councilmember Chase Murray is against the setbacks. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson is against the setbacks. Mayor Erica Gillum is against the setbacks.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to deny the setbacks. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**5. Discussion and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead to appoint Stacy Jones to the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation B Board.**

HEDC Sherion Grant asked council to approve the recommendation of Mr. Stacy Jones on the HEDC B Board. He will be a great asset to the city. Mayor Erica Gillum also stated that she was impressed with his passion for the city to move it forward.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion and action on 2023 TXDOT Alternatives Grant on Public Support and City Council Support.**

Jared Engelke with Strand Engineering spoke and stated to council that TXDOT has had over 465 applications and the city presented three projects. Only two were chosen. One is a multi-use path from Factory Outlet Drive to Wal-Mart and the other is 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Groce street which will cross over to FM 1887. The project is set to begin 2025-2027 if we are approved. He is asking for the public’s support for letters and council support. The letters are needed by the end of April.

**7. Consideration and action on the Rutledge Subdivision Final Plat.**

Building Official Kollye Kilpatrick stated that the property was annexed over a year ago and citizens wanted to have city utilities. The plat had to be subdivided into three lots, once the city runs the lines to the property, the owner will connect with city utilities. The plat has been reviewed and approved.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson approved the plat. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**8. Consideration and action on approval for The Leon Chavis and Zydeco Flames Band to play at the Zydeco Festival for the 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial Celebration.**

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the permit. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**9. Councilmember's Report**

1. Mildred Jefferson – We are sending our heartfelt condolences to the family of Aaron Moore. Please keep them in your prayers.

**10. Adjourn City Council Meeting.**

There being no further business. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2023.

**APPROVED:**

**/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary**