

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 15th day of May 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
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember
Nora Hodges, Councilmember
Karon E. Neal, Councilmember

Charles Williams, City Attorney
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

1. Call to order and invocation.

Mayor Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. and Charles Tompkins gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 6, 2023, General Election held in the City of Hempstead.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Administer Oath of Office to Elected Councilmembers.

Mayor Erica Gillum administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials, Karon E. Neal and Nora Hodges.

5. Mayor selection of a Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Mayor Erica Gillum selected Lonnie Garfield as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term.

6. Public Comments.

In Public Comments Gloria Marie Thompson congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked the citizens for voting. Walter Pendleton also congratulated the newly elected officials and was appreciative for this great movement. Joe Ayala stated that he is on the Planning and

Zoning Commission and says that his property floods and so does his home on 16th & Allen and he will send pictures to the city. Malcolm Brown stated he was the EDC Director for many years and the prior Mayor terminated him in December of 2020. He stated that the EDC board had to vote him out.

7. Consideration and action on minutes of April 17, 2023, and May 1, 2023, meetings.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

8. Zoning Map Amendment Request to rezone Block 113, Lots 2-5 – 550 9th Street & 846 New Orleans from R-1 Single Family Residential to CBD – Central Business District.

a. Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 6:29 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 6:30 P.M.

b. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas providing that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hempstead be amended by amending the Zoning Map so that property described as Block 113, Lots 2-5, 550 9th Street & 846 New Orleans Street shall be changed from R-1 – Single Family Residential District Classification and become and be designated as CBD – Central Business District; providing for penalties; providing a savings clause; and finding and determining that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Nora Hodges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Zoning Map Amendment to zone newly annexed 2.1854-acre tract of land being out of that certain called 4-3/4-acre tract located in the L. Abbott Survey, Abstract No.1, Waller County, Texas to HC-Highway Commercial Classification.

a. Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 P.M.

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 P.M.

b. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas providing that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hempstead be amended by amending the Zoning Map so that property described as newly annexed 2.1854-acre tract of land being out of that certain called 4-3/4 acre tract located in the L. Abbott Survey, Abstract No.1, Waller County, Texas to HC-Highway Commercial Classification shall be designated ; providing for penalties; providing a savings clause; and finding and determining that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law.

Councilmember Nora Hodges made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Cindy Pearce seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and action on Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead to apply for a Fuel Fleet Card.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to discuss the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked who all will have access to the fuel cards. Mayor Erica Gillum answered all departments heads, they will be used as needed and will be locked up when not in use. The reason is because if the fuel pump goes down at the at the city barn, we will have a backup to get fuel for the Police cars and the equipment and trucks used for daily operations of the city.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

11. Discussion and consideration of EDC recommendation regarding the HEDC Director/ Interim Director position.

This item was tabled. No action was taken.

12. Discussion and consideration to adopt rules for Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to discuss the rules. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion. Attorney Charles Williams stated that State Law states that we must adopt Rules of Procedure to follow. It takes 75% of votes, four members will have to vote for the motion to pass. The people would have to appeal in District Court.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to adopt the rules for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and consideration to appoint a Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

This item was tabled.

14. Consideration and action on payment of current bills.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield a motion to approve the bills. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

15. Presentations.

Mayor-

a. Sales Tax – Sales Tax is up .83% for the month of May 2023.

- b. ICSC (International Council of Shopping Center) Conference-** Mayor Gillum will be traveling to Las Vegas to convention of 1500 to 2000 vendors that range from real estate, retail shoppers, land acquisitions. The EDC Board elected two people to go but no one volunteered to go. The conference is Sunday through Wednesday, she is looking forward to representing the city.
- c. Update on Hospital District** – Mayor Erica Gillum stated that the Hospital District was driven by great expectation but at this time it was not in our favor. The city didn't have enough time , she will work diligently to present it to Governor Greg Abbott. If not, it will have to wait until 2025, we would start in January.

Councilmembers- Mildred Jefferson-We are sending our most heartfelt condolences to the family of Ethelene Johnson. Please keep them in your prayers.

16. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 20th day of June, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary