

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 21st day of November A.D., 2022 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

Others present at the meeting included Diane Kilpatrick, Rooster Smith, David Hartley, Kollye Kilpatrick, Annette Baker, Jackie Craver, Barbara Bezub, Vicki Speiss, Judith Richey, Phil Richey, Pete Pieper, Jimmy Economu, and Albert Garfield.

Mayor Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. and Mayor Pro-Tem gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

In Public Comments Jackie Craver stated that Waller County will be celebrating 150 years. The Waller County Sesquicentennial will be held April 22, 2022, through May 5, 2022. It will be a whole week of festivities and a parade. She asked Council and Mayor if anyone would like to volunteer in any way to let her know.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022, and November 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cindy Pearce and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erica Gillum opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M. on a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone for Block 404 ½ lot of 3 and all of 4 & 5 – 1640 14th Street from R-1 Single Family Residential District to HC-Highway Commercial District.

Barbara Bezub, who is on the Planning and Zoning Commission stated that the commission took no action because Mr. Pete Pieper was moving a building in, to the property next door. Mr. Pieper stated that he runs a gun machinery business, builds hunting rifles, no high assault rifles. His business has no employees, no store front, no parking, online appointments only and he has his own clientele. Mayor Erica Gillum asked the question if the business was conclusive to the new location. Councilmember Raul Villarreal asked how the guns were assembled. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if any incidents have happened in the past. Pete Pieper stated no. Under our zoning matrix gunsmiths are allowed in the Highway Commercial area

only. Jimmy Economu was against the rezoning; Judith Richey was for the rezoning. Mayor Erica Gillum spoke to Kollye, and he stated the business is not allowed in a Residential area.

Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Erica Gillum at 6:29 P.M.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated that gunsmiths are not allowed by our zoning matrix in residential areas. Mayor Erica Gillum asked Mr. Pieper how he has his business registered. Councilmember Raul Villarreal asked if the request was denied can he remain where the business is at since it was grandfathered in. Attorney Bridgette Begle stated that if it were to be approved that it would be considered spot zoning. It must be contiguous, and we must follow the comprehensive plan

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to deny the Zoning Map Amendment to rezone for Block 404 ½ lot of 3 and all of 4 & 5 – 1640 14th Street from R-1 Single Family Residential District to HC-Highway Commercial District. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Raul Villarreal introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Chase Murray and carried the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmember Raul Villarreal, Councilmember Chase Murray, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Cindy Pearce Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

22- 045

A RESOLUTION OF **THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD**, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER(S) CONTRACTS FOR THE **CDBG 23-24** TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) FUND.

WHEREAS, the **CDBG 23-24** TxCDBG Community Development Fund contract requires implementation by professionals experienced in federally-funded community development projects;

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for administrative services and has been completed in accordance with Texas CDBG requirements;

WHEREAS, the statement of qualifications received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for each professional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That, GrantWorks be awarded a contract to provide TxCDBG application and project-related **administrative services** for the **CDBG 23-24** Texas Community Development Fund project.

Section 2. That any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named services providers are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider;

PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2022

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to approve the awarding of the RFQ for an engineering firm to Strand and Associates for the CDBG 23-24. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Erica Gillum stated that on her election run she had a lot of citizens come to her and state that their utility bills were high. Barbara Haffelfinger performed an in-house audit of the accounts and found some discrepancies in some accounts. The guys in the field have also found issues with the gas meters. She wants to have a Utility Audit to make sure all citizens are being billed correctly. The city will go out for bids. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson asked about the customer portal, Gerald Salinens with our IT Department stated it was in progress and he begin to will email progress reports to council. Councilmember Chase Murray made a motion to approve the Utility Audit. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Erica Gillum wants to make sure that all vendors are performing their services and held accountable and any subscriptions that we are paying for, and vendors are not performing their services we need to cease. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if it could be done in-house. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that it is best if an outside company performs the audit, it shows accountability and transparency. Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Chase Murray and carried the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmember Raul Villarreal, Councilmember Chase Murray, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Cindy Pearce Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION
NO. 22-046**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS APPOINTING POSITIONS AND TERM LIMITS
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - TYPE A**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS:

Section 1. The term of a member of the Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporation Board, Type A, is three (3) years. The following persons are appointed to the following positions and terms on the Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporation Type A, to transition the Board of Directors to staggered terms as required by the Corporation's By-Laws:

4A Board

Cheryl Hardwick	Position 1	3-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2025
Overton Stewart	Position 2	3-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2025
Sherion Gran	Position 3	2-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2024
Wille Gooden	Position 4	2-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2024
Jackie Jackson	Position 5	1- year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2023

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of November, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Councilmember Cindy Pearce introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Chase Murray and carried the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmember Raul Villarreal, Councilmember Chase Murray, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Cindy Pearce Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION
NO. 22-047**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS APPOINTING POSITIONS AND TERMS TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – TYPE B**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS:

Section 1. The term of a member of the Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporation Board Type B is two (2) years. The following persons are appointed to the following positions and terms on the Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporation Type B to transition the Board of Directors to staggered terms as required by the Corporation’s By-Laws:

4B Board:

Raul Villarreal	Position 1	2-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2024
Mildred Jefferson	Position 2	2-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2024
Annette Baker	Position 3	2-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2024
Elizabeth Ayala	Position 4	1-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2023
Anthony Alvarez	Position 5	1-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2023
Phil Richey	Position 6	1-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2023
Erica Gillum	Position 7	1-year term; October 1, 2022 - September 31, 2023

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of November, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Councilmember Cindy Pearce introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Chase Murray and carried the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmember Raul Villarreal, Councilmember Chase Murray, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Cindy Pearce Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 22-048

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD APPROVING THE HEMPSTEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A & B CORPORATIONS TO PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE EDC BUILDING LOCATED AT 745 12TH STREET.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the security camera for the Hempstead Economic Development A & B Corporations for the purchase of security cameras.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED on this 21st day of November 2022

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

The council went into Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code to have deliberations with the City Attorney.

Executive Session closed at 7:23 P.M.

Mr. Clarence Landry comes with twenty-five years of Economic Development experience. He has in bringing hospitals, mixed use downtown and he was on the HGAC Council. He assessed the Mike Barnes Group Assessment of Hempstead and assessed his own of Hempstead. Some of the weaknesses of Hempstead are the permit department. He also said we need to partner up with Prairie View A&M University, we need to create an internship to write grants, federal, state and county level. We also stated we needed to apply for the Brownfield Tax Credit, the Historic Tax Credit to renovate and help leverage private capital. The Hempstead Economic Development needs training. The city needs to apply for USDA funding programs. Mr. Landry stated we need to draw attention to businesses, draw attention to the youth, and bring job opportunities. He is not afraid to meet and talk to the people in the community. He stated Hempstead has the same opportunities as the surrounding cities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield asked the question what would be the first thing he would do? Mr. Landry stated that he would reach out to the Prairie View University, he would also reach out to the US Department of Treasury to start commercial projects. He would go after the infrastructure dollars. Councilmember Raul Villarreal asked are most EDC's CDFI's? Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated that Mr. Landry is very impressive, but it is only non-profit. Councilmember Chase Murray asked what is his biggest challenge that he faces. Mr. Landry stated that it is hard to find people with open minds in this 21st century, to bring new development. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that is why we need to get federal funding. We need rooftops to get the HEB, they need density. We need to step outside the box. Mayor Erica Gillum stated she met with two doctors from Fairfield, the businesses are there, they want to come, we just need to have knowledgeable person to help us. Councilmember Chase Murray asked why the Mike Barnes Group was not given these leads on businesses wanting to come. Mayor Erica Gillum answered that he was given the leads, she had a meeting with Frazier and Teaguler which they called her personally and she in turn included Mike Barnes. Mayor Pro-Tem asked how often the council can get reports and Mr. Landry answered as often as HEDC and Council meet. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if Mt. Landry can do an assessment of the city and she asked to see a copy of the assessment Mr. Landry did of the Mike Barnes assessment of the city. Councilmember Chase Murray asked if the council could recommend making a three-month probationary contract for Mr. Landry.

Councilmember Raul Villarreal made a motion to approve a three-month probationary period for My. Landry and Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion, and it carried the motion.

Councilmember Chase Murray rescinded the motion. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Raul Villarreal made a motion to approve the three-month probationary period starting December 2, 2022, through the first meeting in April 2023, for Mr. Clarence Landry.
Roll call:

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson AYES
Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield AYES
Councilmember Cindy Pearce AYES
Councilmember Chase Murray AYES
Councilmember Raul Villarreal AYES

Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated that she is getting a lot of the tire complaints, from the citizens about the tire businesses in town and the amount of scrap tires laying around. State Law requires 500 tires to be used or scrapped to be held at the tire facilities. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson stated that council should speak to the business owners of the tire shops. Councilmember Raul Villarreal asked if they had to notify the tire business owners. Mayor Pro-tem Lonnie Garfield stated to keep a good business relationship with the city we need to notify them, because it will be an adjustment they will have to make. Attorney Bridgette Begle stated that we can send notices to the businesses and do a Public Hearing for them to be heard. She asked the council to call or go by the businesses and let them know about the Ordinance council wants to act on.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to table the Tire Ordinance. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson introduced an Ordinance. The motion was seconded Councilmember Raul Villarreal and carried the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmember Raul Villarreal, Councilmember Chase Murray, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Cindy Pearce Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 22-120

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS: AMENDING CHAPTER 7 “HEALTH AND SANITATION” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE 7.05 “MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS” TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 PER DAY OF THE VIOLATION; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas, seeks to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens through the enforcement of food safety standards; and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to establish regulations that will allow mobile food trucks to operate within the City limits of Hempstead in an orderly, safe, and healthful manner; and

WHEREAS the City Council is authorized to regulate Mobile Food Vendors pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Texas Administrative Code, and the Texas Local Government Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

SECTION 1. Chapter 7 of the City of Hempstead Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding Article 7.05, Sections 7.05.001-999. as follows

7.05 Mobile Food Establishments

7.05.001 Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Applicant shall mean a person, as defined herein, who has filed a written application for a mobile food vendor permit.

City shall mean the City of Hempstead, Texas.

County shall mean Waller County, Texas.

Department shall mean the City of Hempstead Department or Division designated to monitor and implement the rules and regulations provided for by this ordinance.

Edible goods shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Pre-packaged food, including but not limited to, candy, beverages, chips, and ice cream.
- b. Prepared food which is prepared off-site for sale or distribution from the mobile food unit; and
- c. On-site prepared food which is prepared in the mobile food unit.

Mobile food vendors shall mean any business which sells edible goods from a non-stationary location within the City. The term shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Mobile food trucks – a self-contained motorized unit selling items defined as edible goods.
- b. Concession trailers – vending units which are pulled by a motorized unit and has no power to move on its own

Mobile Food Unit or Establishment shall mean the mobile food truck, concession trailer, or other motorized unit, including the equipment, supplies and apparatus, used on-site for the sale of edible goods.

Person shall mean an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, organization, or other legal entity.

Special Event shall mean an event or gathering of persons for a common purpose, typically held outdoors, including but not limited to parades, bike races, marathons, carnivals, concerts or other types of festivals or outdoor activities or gathering of persons or gathering of persons. Any special event that occurs in a public right-of-way will require an approved traffic plan by Hempstead Police Department and require approval by City Council.

Special Event, City Sponsored shall mean a Special Event that the Hempstead City Council has designated as being sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Hempstead.

Stationary location shall mean the placement of a mobile food unit when not in motion and/or open to the public for the purpose of selling or offering food for sale.

Texas Food Establishment Rules shall mean those regulations adopted by the State of Texas as codified in Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, "Health Services," Chapter 228, "Texas Food Establishment Rules as amended from time to time."

Section 7.05.002 - Food Safety Requirements

Any Person operating a mobile food unit or establishment within the City shall comply with all regulations applicable to mobile food units as set forth in the Texas Food Establishment Rules as presently written or as amended.

Section 7.05.003 - Authorization

Mobile food vendors are permitted to operate within the City in accordance with this ordinance. Authorization to operate a mobile food unit or establishment during a special event shall begin no sooner than two (2) hours before the special event activities begin and shall end two (2) hours after the special event activities are concluded, but in no event shall extend beyond four (4) consecutive days. In no event shall authorization extend beyond the dates authorized by the City Council. Mobile food vendors must meet all other City of Hempstead requirements and regulations.

Section 7.05.004 - Registration and Permit Required

No Person shall operate a mobile food unit or establishment in the City without first registering with the City, upon showing that the mobile food unit has been inspected by the Hempstead Police Department and the Waller County Health Department and displays a current and valid permit and/or medallion issued Waller County. No person shall operate as a mobile food unit or establishment in the City without a current and valid mobile food vendor permit issued by the City. Every permit must always be displayed in a conspicuous place on the mobile food vendor's truck or concession trailer so that it can be read by the public.

Section 7.05.005 - Application

An application for a mobile food vendor permit may be obtained from the City of Hempstead. A complete application must include the following:

- a. Legal name of business or entity.
- b. Name, location, and dates during which the mobile food vendor proposes to sell edible goods from the mobile food unit.
- c. Sales tax number, with a copy of the sales tax permit.
- d. Proposed stationary location and hours of operation of the mobile food unit.
- e. Signed permission form from property owner(s) granting permission for placement of the mobile food unit at any stationary location.
- f. Name, address, phone number, email address and photocopy of the driver's license of the Mobile Food Vendor and all employees driving or operating the mobile food unit or establishment.
- g. Written standard operating procedures of how the applicant plans to operate the mobile food unit or establishment, that includes, but is not limited to, whether food will be pre-packaged, hours of operation, and methods of serving food to customers.
- h. Description of the types of edible goods the applicant proposes to sell from the mobile food unit or establishment.
- i. Vehicle and/or unit make, model, vehicle number, and license plate number.
- j. Proof of business auto liability insurance, including motor vehicle insurance; and
- k. Copies of any current and valid mobile food vendor permits, issued by Waller County, for the mobile food unit or establishment identified by registration.
- l. Pictures of the mobile food unit.
- m. Site Plan showing the proposed location(s) of sales.

Section 7.05.006 - Location Restrictions

- A. No mobile food unit shall be located on any property without written permission to do so and must comply if asked to leave by the property owner or city official. A copy of the written permission to operate in a specific location, signed by the property owner, shall always be kept within the mobile food unit.

- B. A mobile food unit may not be located within 100 feet of the primary entrance of an open and operating fixed-location restaurant or food service establishment, unless written permission from the property owner is provided with the Mobile Food Vendor permit application.
- C. A mobile food vendor shall not conduct sales where the operation impedes vehicular or pedestrian traffic, without an approved traffic plan from Hempstead Police Department.
- D. If a mobile food vendor operates in the public right-of-way, a traffic plan will have to be filed and approved by the Hempstead Police Department and City Council.
- E. No mobile food vendor shall conduct business within any zoning unless operating as permitted in public right-of-way or at a special event location.
- F. No more than two (2) mobile food establishments may be permitted at the same stationary location, unless operating as part of an approved special event.
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Section 7.05.007 - Permit Fee

- A. An applicant must pay a non-refundable fee established by the City for each mobile food vendor permit. Each mobile food unit or establishment will be permitted separately.
- B. Upon renewal, the applicant shall pay a non-refundable renewal fee set by the City and update any changes in the permitting document. The applicant must submit the application for renewal and the renewal fee before expiration of the permit or must reapply as a new applicant.
- C. Mobile food vendor permits are valid for one year from the date of permit issuance.
- D. A temporary mobile food vendor permit holder may be issued for a fee established by the City for a Special Event sponsored or co-sponsored by the City.
- E. A permit holder shall notify the City in writing, during the term of the permit, of any change to the information submitted in the permit holder's application for a permit, including but not limited to, a change in the name, address or telephone number of the permit holder or operator and the vehicle's registrations, or if location permission has been revoked within ten (10) calendar days of such change.
- F. Permits are non-transferrable. A change of ownership of a mobile food unit, including a change of the legal form of the entity, shall require submission of a new application for a mobile food vendor permit and inspection of the mobile food unit. A mobile food vendor permit shall become void upon the closing of the sale of the mobile food unit for which a permit was issued.

Section 7.05.008 - Prohibited Conduct

The conduct listed below, by any person, directly or through an agent or employee of another regulated under this ordinance, is prohibited:

- A. Selling edible goods within the corporate limits of the city unless its principal or employer has first registered with the office of the city.
- B. Selling edible goods while displaying or presenting a registration issued by the City in the name of another person, individual, organization or entity.

- C. Misrepresenting on the registration form any acts that are regulated under this ordinance.
- D. Selling or offering for sale any edible goods not described in the mobile food vendor permit application.
- E. Selling or offering for sale any non-food item from a mobile food unit or establishment.
- F. Providing tables, chairs, umbrellas/canopies, music, flashing lights, freestanding signage, or other related items.
- G. No mobile food vendor shall conduct sales between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless otherwise specified in a mobile food vendor permit, and no mobile food unit shall remain on the premises except during such periods of operation.

Section 2. A person who violates a provision of this ordinance or a requirement of a mobile food vendor permit is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed or continues. Upon conviction, each offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 per occurrence.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

Section 5. The City Secretary is authorized to publish a summary, or the caption of this Ordinance as required by law.

Section 6. This ordinance will become effective November 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas, on this the 21st day of November 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Chief David Hartley spoke on the Step Program for the Police Officers. The program is a recommended Step Program in increments of 7% salary increases. We have twenty full time police officers and seven full time dispatchers. Chief David Hartley stated they have exhausted all their grant funding. Mayor Erica Gillum mentioned to the council to try to find grants for the police department. No action was taken.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to approve the Christmas Budget for City Hall in the amount of \$2,000. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to approve payment of current bills. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield and carried unanimously.

Under Mayor's Reports, Mayor Erica Gillum stated Sales Tax is up 12.88% for the month of November.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson wanted to express her condolences to Cindy Pearce and Cheryl Hardwick on the passing of their brother.

Council went into Executive Session at 9:17 P.M. pursuant to Section 551.07

Executive Session closed at 9:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of December, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary