

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 7th 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

Art Pertile, City Attorney
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Others present at the meeting included Leslye Gonzalez, Kollye Kilpatrick, David Hartley, Rooster Smith, Cheryl Hardwick, Annette Baker, Kelley Savacool, Phil Richey, Barbara Bezub, Bill Montgomery, Judith Richey, Mary Ann Drawl, Nora Hodges, and Noel Shelton.

Mayor Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. and Pastor Bill Montgomery gave the invocation.

Under public comments Cheryl Hardwick asked if the city had new procedures as far as going before council to ask about hosting festivals, she has been doing them for 10 plus years and never had too before. Kelly Savacool asked the City Council to allow RV's to be allowed in the Central Business District and she asked if she could apply for a Specific Use Permit. She was advised she would have to go through the entire process.

No action was taken on the Utility Audit by the Council.

No action was taken on the Vendor Audit by the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to discuss the Electric, Water, Wastewater, and Gas Rate Study from Wildan Financial Services. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if the study is done every ten years, why we will need another study if we have two more years left in the original study. Attorney Art Pertile said because of the growth coming and the impact fees we need to get another study. Councilmember Cindy Pearce also asked if the city staff could perform the study. Attorney Art Pertile said it is better if an outside agency does it and keeps the city out of it. He stated it sets the floor for the bonds. He stated that we would have to make a budget amendment. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the Electric, Water, Wastewater, and Gas Rate Study from Wildan Financial Services. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to discuss the Resolution approving the park benches and planters. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked why this item needs to be approved by the Council and not EDC. Attorney

Art Pertile stated that all purchases need to come before the City Council. There is a process for all projects through the EDC. Councilmember Lonnie Garfield asked where the benches would be placed. Mayor Erica Gillum responded with all over the downtown area. Councilmember Cindy Pearce requested to have a mixture of different planters not all the same color or size. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked about the \$1,000 yearly maintenance. Attorney Art Pertile stated that there must be a set amount for maintenance in case they need to be replaced.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Mildred Jefferson and carried the following vote to wit:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

22-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD APPROVING AS A PROJECT OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT B CORPORATION, THE PLANTERS AND PARK BENCHES PROJECT; THE FOR PROMOTION OF NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT; AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS.

* * * * *

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves as a project of the Hempstead Economic Development B Corporation the Planters, and Park Benches Project as described in the Hempstead Economic Development B Corporation resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein for all purposes.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED on this 7th day of November 2022.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED on this __14th__ day of November 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

No action was taken on a Resolution approving the security cameras for the EDC building.

Mayor Erica Gillum stated that the EDC building is empty, and they need to purchase the furniture. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if we could purchase the furniture from our local furniture stores. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that the furniture stores here are more for households and not office furniture. Councilmember Chase Murray made a motion to approve the office furniture for the EDC office located at 745 12th Street. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to discuss the appointment of five members of the Hempstead Economic Corporation 4A Board. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion. Mayor Erica Gillum stated we had to recap and reassign the members.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION
NO. 22-041**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS APPOINTING PERSONS TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 4A**

* * * * *

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

Section 1. That the following persons are appointed to Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporations:

4A Board
Wille Gooden
Overton Stewart
Sherion Grant
Cheryl Hardwick
Jackie Jackson

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of November, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Councilmember Cindy Pearce made a motion to discuss the appointment of the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation 4B Board Members. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked about the assignments of the officers, need to be on both boards. Attorney Art Pertile stated no. 4A and 4B each choose their own officers.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION
NO. 22-042**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS APPOINTING PERSONS TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 4B**

* * * * *

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

Section 1. That the following persons are appointed to Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporations:

4B Board:

Elizabeth Ayala
Annette Baker
Anthony Alvarez
Phil Richey
Mildred Jefferson
Raul Villarreal
Erica Gillum

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of November, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to discuss the Budget Amendment. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson stated to leave the budget that the council approved initially. Councilmember Raul Villarreal said no that it was stated in the executive session that Mayor would only get the 5% raise increase that was discussed. Mayor Erica Gillum stated to leave it as it was discussed in the executive session. Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to leave the salary with the 5% and Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion and it carried with the exception of Councilmember Mildred Jefferson who voted against the vote.

Chief David Hartley and Lieutenant Noel Shelton made a presentation of the Hempstead Police Department and why its so hard to find any candidates to apply for the Police Officer positions. Chief Hartley stated it is statewide problem, nobody wants to be a Police Officer anymore. The Hempstead Police Department has lost five people in a month's time for more money and for being overworked. Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated she appreciated all the officers. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield commended the police department. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson would like

to see the police department to be in collaboration with the school, bringing programs. She also asked if they could recruit officers after they graduate high school. Attorney Art Pertile asked Hartley about doing a step program. He asked Hartley to come to council with a concept of how much more the officers starting pay would be and an incentive program as well.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to discuss Change Order No. 1 to amend the SH-6 Phase 1 Utility Extension. Councilmember Chase Murray seconded the motion. The project is to upgrade the sanitary sewer system. They will upgrade the lift stations with three pumps instead of two pumps. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Change Order No. 1 to amend the SH-6 Phase 1 Utility Extension. Councilmember Raul Villarreal seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Brown Sugar Band to play at Thanksgiving Festival to be held on November 25, 2022, in conjunction with the Recreation Center. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Mildred Jefferson and carried the following vote to wit:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION
NO. 22-043**

**STREET CLOSURES FOR
THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD
THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL**

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

To approve the following street closures on November 25, 2022, for the Thanksgiving Festival celebration as follows:

Street Closures: 12th Street to Main Street; Main Street to FM 1887; and FM 1887 up to Austin Street.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of November, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve from the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association to have the Festival of Light on December 10, 2022, at the Gazebo. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie stated he would like the sign that states Seasons Greeting to be in front of City Hall instead of at the Gazebo.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield introduced a Resolution. The motion was seconded Councilmember Mildred Jefferson and carried the following vote to wit:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION
NO. 22-044**

**STREET CLOSURES FOR
HEMPSTEAD COMMERCE AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

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

To approve the following street closures on December 10, 2022, for the Festival of Lights celebration as follows:

Parade Route: San Antonio Street to FM 1887 to downtown, take a left on Bremond Street and then a left on 12th Street and parade will end at 12th and Main Street. The parade will start at 6:15 P.M. and will end at 7:00 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of November, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

Mayor Erica Gillum stated we will start having Park Board meetings, all board members want to remain on the board. The board will put in place policies and procedures and be consistent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to discuss the Christmas decorations Budget for City Hall. He asked if the light poles downtown could be decorated assorted colors or with different colored light bulbs. Councilmember Raul Villarreal stated to bring in the next meeting a list and price of what all is needed.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary