

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 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, Assistant City Secretary

Others present at the meeting included Bridgette Begle, David Hartley, Kollye Kilpatrick, Rooster Smith, Tiffany D. Thomas, Carschana Laporte, Adriana Brown, Malcolm Brown, Cheryl Hardwick, Jimmy Economu, Frank Rodriguez, Denise Mattox, Margie Hamner, Judith Richey, Phil Richey, Rebecca Timm, Charles McPahte, Floyd Ragston, Betty Gertman, Anthony Kennedy, Lashina Hilley, Kamina Dodd, Kaliyah Hilley Stone, Luther Jones, Albert Garfield, Pedro Angel Mico.

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

Under public comments Tiffany Thomas who is with the Prairie View Program Coordinator for grant funding is asking for council support. She is asking for support to bring to the community a program for all vaccines in high-risk populations. Jimmy Economu spoke and said that we should look into giving all senior citizens and disabled citizens a credit on their utility bill to help them with utility high costs rates. Denise Mattox spoke in favor of the program for the vaccines, she also talked about how citizens have come to her and told her how they are being mistreated by our police dept. Margie Hamner spoke in asking for funds from the Hotel/Motel Funds for the Waller County Fair. She says they are not county funded and it all about the kids and the community.

Malcolm Brown spoke in the Sensus Analytics upgrade and was in favor of it. Councilmember Raul Villarreal made a motion to approve the Sensus Analytics Upgrade Purchase. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 22-033**

**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**

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**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:

Phil Richey  
JT Howard

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D., 2022.

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

**Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary**

An Ordinance was introduced by Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield. The motion was seconded Councilmember Cindy Pearce and carried the following vote to wit:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE  
NO. 22-113**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 19-109; SETTING THE TRAVEL MILEAGE  
REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR TRAVEL IN A PERSONAL VEHICLE  
FOR CITY OF HEMPSTEAD BUSINESS; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALING ALL  
ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT  
HEREWITH.**

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

**Section 1.** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, Section 13, Subsection C is hereby amended as follows:

(3) Travel Mileage Reimbursement

When travel is required for city business and a personal vehicle is used, travel mileage will be paid at the rate of sixty-three cents (\$0.63) per mile plus any parking fees. Toll road fees are included in the travel mileage rate. Persons receiving a car allowance are not eligible to receive travel mileage reimbursement for travel within the city limits of the City of Hempstead.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

**Section 3.** In the event any 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, whether there be one or more parts.

**Section 4.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D., 2022

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

**/s/: Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary**

Kollye Kilpatrick, our building official gave a report on the amount of permits pulled from 2020-2021 & 2021-2022. From October 2020 through September 2021 there were 665 permits pulled totaling \$113,853 and a total of 63 homes built. From October 1, 2021, to present there were 646 permits pulled totaling \$169,138 and a total of 70 homes built.

Councilmember Raul Villarreal made a motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Funds for the Waller County Fair in the amount of \$5,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The council convened in Executive Session under Government Code Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding Economic Development, at 6:28 P.M.

Executive Session closed at 7:18 P.M. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Under Mayor's reports, Mayor Erica Gillum reported the city hired two utility billing clerks, Emily Grennon and Amanda Hudspeth. She reported that they are both doing a great job! She stated she wanted to upgrade two offices in City Hall and that the upgrades would be under \$5,000.

Under Councilmember reports, Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield wants more communication and collaboration between the school district and the city. He says we need more community support. Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated that a committee was formed to have more security in place for Municipal Court. Councilmember Cindy Pearce and Judge Barbara Stafford are a part of the committee. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson attended the Bringing Back Main Street Workshop in Waller, she says it was extremely instrumental in ideas as well as updates on how our infrastructure here in Hempstead can advance.

There being no further business, Councilmember Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2022.

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

**/s/:Barbara Haffelfinger, City Secretary**