

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD

PLEASE NOTE:

Public comments and matters from the floor are limited to 3 minutes per person. Allotted minutes cannot be transferred to other individuals.

If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request to Address Council form available upon entrance to the meeting.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hempstead will be held on **Monday, the 23rd day of October A.D., 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** at the **Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas**, at which time the following subjects will be considered, to-wit:

1. Call to order and invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments.
4. Consideration and action on minutes from September 15, 2023, September 18, 2023, September 25, 2023, October 2, 2023, and October 9, 2023.
5. Presentation and discussion on results and findings of Forensic Utility Audit conducted by Belt, Harris & Pechacek.
6. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead to appoint new members to the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation Type A and Type B Boards and re-appoint a member of the Type B Board.
7. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas appointing persons and term limits to the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Hempstead.
8. Consideration and action on awarding the Construction Contract for the Harvey MIT Grant from the Texas General Land Office, contract #22-085-034-D278 to provide drainage system improvements throughout the City.
9. Consideration and action on amendments to the Employee Guide (personnel policy).
10. Consideration and action on the salary of the Interim Municipal Court Judge.
11. Consideration and action on the lease from HEDC Building located at 745 12th Street.
12. Consideration and action on payment of current bills.
13. Presentations-
 - A. Mayor's Reports-
 - a. Sales Tax
 - B. Councilmember's Report-
 - a. Cindy Pearce – Hempstead Lions Club Food Drive.
 - b. Nora Hodges- Update from TML Conference.

CLOSED MEETING

14. Council will convene in closed session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultation with its attorney on a matter on which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the open meeting requirement.

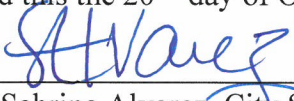
OPEN MEETING

15. Consideration and action on citizen Petition submitted Monday, October 2, 2023, and for direction on May 2024 Special Election for Charter Amendment.

The City Council of the City of Hempstead reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), and 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters). Council may act in Open Session on any item listed for Executive Session.


16. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

Dated this the 20th day of October, A.D., 2023.

By: 
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of a Regular Meeting of the governing body of the City of Hempstead is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that a true and correct copy of said Notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board and entrances to City Hall, in the City Hall of said City of Hempstead, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and that said Notice was posted on October 20, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 20th day of October, A.D., 2023.

By: 
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE

The City of Hempstead City Council **may** conduct the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Monday the 23rd day of October 2023 at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas.** The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public upon written request.

The toll-free dial-in number to participate in the meeting telephonically is:

1-346-248-7799; Access Code 989-478-2100

IF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE GOING TO APPEAR BY VIDEOCONFERENCE A QUORUM OF COUNCILMEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE LOCATION.

NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

The City of Hempstead City Council **may** conduct the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Monday the 23rd day of October 2023 at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas** by videoconference in addition to allowing in person attendance. A quorum of the City Council will be physically present at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead. The public may participate in the City Council Meeting by using the following information:

1-346-248-7799, Access Code 989-478-2100

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 15th day of September A.D., 2023 at 4:00 P.M. the City Council met in a Special 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
Karon Neal, Councilmember
Nora Hodges, Councilmember
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember (Absent)

Bridgette Begle, City Attorney
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

1. Call to order and invocation.

Mayor Erica Gillum called the meeting to order at 4:06 P.M. and Public Works Director Fredrick Alexander gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Public Comments.

Judith Richey stated she was not in favor of the approval of the budget. Veta Brown stated that changing the city charter is a long and tedious process. Public Works Director Fredrick Alexander stated the time and date for electrical lineman Chris Mitchell funeral services. Letisha Brown was not in favor of the approval of the budget or the tax rate. Malcolm Brown was also not in favor of the budget or the tax rate.

4. 2023-2024 BUDGET

A. Public Hearing on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas, approving and adopting the City of Hempstead General Budget for the year 2023-2024; making appropriations for the City for such year as reflected in said Budget; establishing the procedure for intra-budget transfers; and containing other provisions relating to the subject.

Public Hearing Opened @ 4:19 P.M.

Malcolm Brown stated that the city needs more businesses to support the budget. Kimberly Hargrave stated that she is against the proposed budget and tax rate. She asked about evaluations within the city. Latisha Taylor is against the budget and the tax increase. Judith Richey did research in other neighboring cities and council and the mayor makes less than \$80,000. Jimmy Economou stated that we needed a city administrator by January 1, 2024. Veda Brown stated that a city administrator starting salary is \$125,000, any

amendment to the charter there must be a review committee, meet with attorney, it's a long and tedious process. She stated to the citizens get information and consult TML.

Public Hearing Closed at 4:32 P.M.

B. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas approving and adopting the City of Hempstead General Budget for the year 2023-2024; making appropriations for City for such year as reflected in said Budget; establishing the procedure for intra-budget transfers; and containing other provisions relating to the subject. (Record Vote)

Alan Younts, the city's financial consultant stated that the capital equipment added up to one million dollars. Expenditure needs to be cut. He stated that he recommended tax notes for the capital equipment. Ben Rosenberg, our financial advisor, was via zoom and explained to the council how the tax notes would work for the city. Tax notes are secured by property taxes, it would raise the I&S one to two pennies more, next budget year. The City has made great financial progress from 2018. The city has adopted a fund balance policy. The city just must keep moving forward and have good audits. Overall, a 2% increase overall in the budget. No increase in the utility fund. Attorney Bridgette Begle explained to the council between the voter approval rate and proposed tax rate. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked about the Hempstead Economic Development Budget, City Secretary Sabrina Alvarez made copies for council. She is against the budget. Councilmember Nora Hodges asked Managing Director of Operations Kollye Kilpatrick where the cuts were taken out of. Manager of Operations Kollye Kilpatrick stated the police step program was removed, all capital equipment, eliminate part time positions in the water department, technology department, and equipment operator, he also eliminated the finance director and building inspector. Councilmember Nora Hodges is against salaries and the budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield is for the salaries and budget. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve and adopt the 2023-2024 City of Hempstead General Budget. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

RECORD VOTE: AYE'S-Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Karon Neal, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson. NO'S-Councilmember Nora Hodges, Councilmember Cindy Pearce. Motion carried.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 P.M. Councilmember Nora Hodges seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 18th day of September 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
Karon Neal, Councilmember
Nora Hodges, Councilmember
Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember (Absent)

Bridgette Begle, City Attorney
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

1. Call to order and invocation.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Public Comments.

Judith Richey stated her concerns about the pay raises and the police step program taken away from the budget.

Jackie Hilman is against the pay raises, tax rate increase and against the travel policy that was passed not including the elected officials.

Kim Hargrave does not agree on the pay raises or tax rate. She expects more on the street maintenance and overtime pay.

Jimmy Economou is against the raises and tax rate.

Rebecca Tim inherited 8.5 lots in the city, and she is having rodent problems along with feral animals with an abandoned house next to her property.

Clint Heavy is against the tax increase.

4. Consideration and action on minutes from August 21, 2023, August 22, 2023, September 5, 2023 & September 8, 2023.

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

5. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City of Hempstead approving the Hempstead Economic Development Corporation 4A and 4B 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the HEDC Budget. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion. AYE'S-Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Karon Neal and Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield. NO'S-Councilmember Nora Hodges and Councilmember Cindy Pearce. Motion carried.

6. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas approving and adopting the City of Hempstead General Budget for the year 2023-2024; making appropriations for City for such year as reflected in said Budget; establishing the procedure for intra-budget transfers; and containing other provisions relating to the subject. (Record Vote)

Motion was approved on September 15, 2023.

7. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of ad valorem taxes for the 2023 tax year and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; proving the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; providing for severability and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

- a) Consideration and action on an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.075027 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for debt service. **(Record Vote)**
- b) Consideration and action on an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.507658 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for maintenance and operations. **(Record Vote)**
- c) Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of ad valorem taxes for the year 2023. **MOTION:** *"I move that the property tax be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.582685, which is effectively an 9.04% percent increase in the tax rate."* **(Record Vote)**

Motion was tabled until the September 25, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

8. Zoning Map Amendment request to rezone Clear Creek Development Lot 1 Acres 25.132 from AR-Agricultural Residential to HC-Highway Commercial.

a. Public Hearing

Public Hearing Opened at 6:30 P.M.

Frank Rodriguez, our Building Inspector, informed the council that the property is in Mack Washington. It is the last lot in our city limits in that vicinity that wants to be rezoned Highway Commercial. Juan Venegas spoke and stated that the city has to do better planning before rezoning properties. Jimmy Economou asked if there was a protocol on what can be brought into that property.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:35 P.M.

9. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hempstead amending the Zoning Map to rezone Clear Creek Development Lot 1

**Acres 25.132 from AR-Agricultural Residential to HC-Highway Commercial.
(P&Z recommended approval at 9/5/23 meeting)**

Councilmember Nora Hodges made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of Hempstead, Texas adopting positions and terms to the Board of Directors of the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporation 4A & 4B.

Mayor Erica Gillum stated there were some vacancies on the board that needed to be filled. Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated she read Brent Rystrom biography would be a good fit for HEDC board. Kenneth Pilcher owns businesses in the city. Brad Austin owns a business as well and has several rental properties.

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

11. Presentation by Dan Jackson with Willdan Financial Services on a Rate Study and Financial Forecast for the City of Hempstead.

Mr. Dan Jackson with Wildan Financial Services carried out a rate study on the City of Hempstead. He showed a slide on the tv and talked to council about utility rates going up all over the United States. He stated the cost for a city that runs their own utilities averages about 3% to 5% per year due to inflation. Transmission costs will go up significantly in the next coming years. Water and sewer costs will go up over the next ten years by an average of 3% to 4.5 %. Capital improvements to the sewer system, meaning issuing more debt. He recommended designing a rate plan to pay debt on a five-year plan. Gas will be a 3% to 4% increase as well. No need for capital improvements to the gas system. Several citizens asked about solar power, why the city isn't deregulated.

12. Consideration and action on lease from EDC Building located at 745 12th Street.

Jessica Holloman stated EDC lease is up fixed issues and that the reports were in the council packets. Mold and mildew were present in the building. Mrs. Holloman stated that a mold test was done and showed inclusive results. The center beam was treated and the air filtration. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked if the EDC approved the lease prior to the mold issue? Councilmember Mildred Jefferson stated the EDC board didn't want to renew the lease because of the mold present. Councilmember Nora Hodges would like to hear from the EDC Administrator on the issue. Mayor Erica Gillum stated she liked the location of the building. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to approve the lease for one year. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**The council convened in Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.
Executive Session ended at 7:44 P.M. NO ACTION TAKEN**

13. Consideration and action on authorizing the Mayor to enter into a written Agreement & Release with Pilot Travel Centers LLC for the repayment of monies overcharged on utility account for the property located at 2000 FM 1488 Hempstead, TX 77445.

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

14. Presentations.

A. Mayor's Reports-

- a. Sales Tax-Sales tax up for the month of September 3.53%
- b. FabTech 2023 Update- EDC members were asked to go, nobody wanted to go. Mayor Erica Gillum met with many vendors about our city. Moving forward.
- c. Delivery of Lunch to Hempstead Football Team. -Delivered lunch to the Hempstead Football team from Subway.
- d. Code Red-stated to the citizens that the city has a Code Red for natural disasters, boil notices and will be in full effect soon.
- e. Customer Portal-stated to the citizens to sign up to get daily alerts about water usage.

B. Councilmember's Report-

- a. Karon Neal- A big thank you to the electrical department.
- b. Nora Hodges- COLA update Social Security is 3.2% based on the Consumer Price Index at the end of August.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 25th day of September A.D., 2023 at 6:00 P.M. the City Council met in a Special 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
Karon Neal, Councilmember
Nora Hodges, 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 6:04 P.M. and Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Public Comments.

Pete Pieper spoke against the proposed tax rate and budget. Judith Richey spoke against the proposed tax rate and the budget. Kim Hargrave spoke against the proposed tax rate, budget, and salaries. Jimmy Economou presented a Bible from 1828 to Mayor and Council to hold. Zaundria Warren introduced herself to the citizens of Hempstead, Mayor, and Council.

4. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of ad valorem taxes for the 2023 tax year and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; proving the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; providing for severability and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

a. Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Public Hearing opened at 6:25 P.M.

Juan Venegas is against the tax rate. Raul Villarreal is against the tax rate, property values are up, against salaries. Mike Trojan against tax rate, citizens are struggling.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:28 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield spoke on why he was for the tax rate increase. Councilmember Cindy Pearce stated that she is against the tax rate and asked Bridgette Begle about the county's tax rate, does the council have to approve it. Councilmember Nora Hodges stated that we started with a deficit that got it down to \$1.9 million, not in favor of a tax increase of 9.04%, she is aware that the city won't be able to meet the deadline if vote for the lower tax rate. She received various calls from single parents and senior citizens, who were against the tax rate.

b. Consideration and action on an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.075027 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for debt service. (Record Vote)

AYES- Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Karon Neal, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson

NO's – Councilmember Nora Hodges and Councilmember Cindy Pearce
Motion carried.

c. Consideration and action on ad valorem tax rate at the rate of \$0.507658 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for maintenance and operations. (Record Vote)

AYES- Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Karon Neal, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson

NO's – Councilmember Nora Hodges and Councilmember Cindy Pearce
Motion carried.

d. Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of ad valorem taxes for the year 2023. MOTION: *"I move that the property tax be increased by the adoption of tax rate of \$0.582685, which is effectively an 9.04% percent increase in the tax rate."* (Record Vote)

AYES- Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Karon Neal, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson

NO's – Councilmember Nora Hodges and Councilmember Cindy Pearce
Motion carried.

5. Consideration and action on a recommendation from HEDC on a Project to sell approximately 4.98 acres of HEDC-owned land for purchase and use as a retail store.

Crystal Fife with Fife Realty is the agent associated with the contract for Tractor Supply. Tractor Supply offered \$750,000 and the city counteroffered \$850, 000. Tractor Supply wants to purchase 4.98 acres. It will take 15 months to build, and it will bring 35 to 50 jobs to the city. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked about tax abatement, easement, and frontage. It is currently

zoned Highway Commercial. Councilmember Nora Hodges asked about selling price and does the city have a performance agreement, holding Tractor Supply to some agreement.

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

6. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead appointing position and terms to the Board of Directors of the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporation 4A & 4B.

The three board members gave a small background of their work history. Soraya Rodriguez is a local business owner and works for the Prairie View small business office. Zaundria Warren works for the extension office in Hempstead and works with adults and 4H members. Shaquez Wilder is a local business owner. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and carried.

7. Consideration and action on Planning and Zoning Commission Annual Report September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the annual report. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion and carried.

8. Consideration and action on Board of Adjustment Annual Report September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the annual report. Councilmember Nora Hodges seconded the motion and carried.

9. Consideration and action on lease from EDC Building located at 745 12th Street.

Item will be tabled waiting for mold test inspection. Councilmember Nora Hodges made a motion to approve the mold test. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried.

10. Consideration and action on payment of current bills.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the bills. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion. All in favor except Councilmember Cindy Pearce, doesn't agree with charges on credit cards.

11. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson seconded the motion and carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 2nd day of October 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

Bridgette Begle, City Attorney
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

1. Call to order and invocation.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Public Comments.

In Public Comments Jay Lewis a youth minister to Become Better Ministry wanted to thank Mayor Erica Gillum for all her support. He urges all citizens, council, and mayor to come together. LinMarie Garsee spoke and presented to the council on behalf of the citizens a petition of signatures with 9% of the registered voters to change the form of government from the mayor council to city administrator council. Juan Venegas spoke and asked the cost of the splashpad at the park, he stated it would be a better idea to construct a pool and charge a monthly fee for the use. Quinn Navaree spoke about the animal ordinance to have the council look at it and amend and revise about the horses. He asked to be grandfathered in. Kim Hargrave spoke and thanked everyone who signed the petition. She stated that was blocked from the Mayor's Facebook page. She asked the city attorney to speak to the mayor about it. Lawrence Foster stated about his trash not being picked up regularly. He also stated about his zoning on his property.

4. Administer Oath of Office to Municipal Court Judge.

No action taken.

5. Consideration and action on a recommendation from HEDC on a Project for the revitalization of the Hempstead City Park Splash Pad. (HEDC approved on September 15, 2023)

The council asked how much the cost was. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that EDC had a bid for \$20,000. Attorney Bridgette Begle stated that Hempstead Economic Development Board has Type B projects that a public hearing has to be held and also a public hearing for city council. The waiting period is sixty days. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked about the bathrooms, fencing and the drainage. Councilmember Nora Hodges that there are pros and cons to having the splashpad. She mentioned two cities who have been sued for safety measures. The city will have to keep it safe and clean and have someone working 24/7 to keep it sanitized.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the project. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield seconded the motion. **AYES-Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield, Councilmember Mildred Jefferson, Councilmember Karon Neal. NO'S-Councilmember Cindy Pearce and Councilmember Nora Hodges. Motion carried.**

6. Presentation from Shaquez Wilder on her proposed business coming to the City of Hempstead.

Mrs. Wilder did not show up for her presentation.

7. Consideration and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hempstead nominating a candidate for a position on the board of directors of the Waller County Appraisal District.

City Secretary Sabrina Alvarez stated that the candidate that has always been chosen is Royce Rape. He has been a lifelong resident of Waller County. He is the President for Prosperity Bank in Waller, TX . He has served on the Appraisal District as President for years.

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

8. Consideration and action on a Resolution from the City Council of the City of Hempstead appointing persons to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Allen Garfield gave a little background of himself. Councilmember Nora Hodges made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried.

9. Presentations.

A. Councilmember's Report-

1. Nora Hodges- For homeowners needing help paying their mortgage, property taxes, insurance, or utility bills, the Texas Homeowner Assistance Program is still taking applications, but funds are limited. Call center phone is 1-833-651-3874. Also, I will be attending TML Conference in Dallas October 4-7, 2023. She will be visiting booths and report back to the council.

2. Lonnie Garfield-Update from the School Facility Committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield stated that the final report was presented to the board. The school is headed in the right direction. Partnership with Blinn College, improve their test scores.

**The City Council convened in Executive Session at 6:35 P.M.
Executive Session closed at 6:59 P.M.
No action was taken in the Executive Session.**

12. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 P.M.
Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of October A.D., 2023 at 7:00 P.M. the City Council met in a Special 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 7:03 P.M. and Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. Public Comments.

In Public Comments Judith Richey stated that HEDC Bylaws members can only be dismissed by city council. The newly elected ones should be null and void. She stated that all members should be bonded, rules, regulations and policy and procedure matter.

4. Consideration and action to appoint Dana Lewis as Interim Municipal Court Judge.

Dana Lewis introduced herself to the council and gave a background history about herself. She was highly recommended by prior Judge Stafford. Councilmember Cindy Pearce asked how long Overstreet will be out. Mayor Erica Gillum stated that he had an injury and is doing physical therapy. Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilmember Nora Hodges seconded the motion and carried unanimously. Mayor Erica Gillum swore in Dana Lewis as the Interim Municipal Court Judge.

5. Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of a public officer or employee. (HEDC Consultant) .Council will convene In Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Consideration and action on Vince Yokum as Consultant for Hempstead Economic.

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

7. Consideration and action on Hempstead Economic Development Corporation for the sale of 14.9 acres of land located on Locust Street & Hwy 6 (New Contract).

Krystal Kirvacka stated to the council that there was an investor that was interested in purchasing the 14.9 acres. It would be a warehouse facility. Employees employed anywhere from 200 employees to 2, 500. Tractor Supply wanted to only purchase five acres of land. The investor will be putting \$50,000 of earnest money that will be nonrefundable.

8. Presentation and discussion from Anthony Kennedy to purchase city owned property in an R1 zone for future development.

Anthony Kennedy made a presentation to the council on two city blocks that he would like to purchase for \$1.00. The property is in an R-1 zoned area. These will be senior living duplexes. It will be a total of 29 duplexes. Mayor Pro-Tem Lonnie Garfield asked if there were any developments he had developed in the past. He stated no, this will be his first one.

9 . Adjourn City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Mildred Jefferson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Councilmember Karon Neal seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/: Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/: Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary



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RESOLUTION

NO. 23-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS APPOINTING DIRECTORS, AND SPECIFYING POSITIONS AND TERMS, TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TYPES 4A & 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 to complete the term of a previous Director:

4A Board:

Jackie Jackson-Position 5 (1-year term; October 1, 2022 – September 31, 2024)

4B Board:

Kenneth Pilcher – Position 3 (2-year term October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2024)

Rosa DeLoera – Position 4 (1-year term, October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024)

Section 2. That the following person is reappointed to the Board of Directors for the City of Hempstead Economic Development Corporations:

4B Board:

Erica Gillum – Position 7 (Reappointed) (3-year term, October 1, 2023- September 30, 2026)

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 16th day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary



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RESOLUTION

NO. 23-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS APPOINTING PERSONS AND TERM LIMITS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD.

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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 the Parks and Recreation for the City of Hempstead:

Park & Recreation:

Jazlynn Lewis- March 1, 2022 – March 1, 2024 (2-year term)

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of October, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary



Transparency

Tax Allocations

City Sales and Use Tax Comparison Summary October 2023

Download and further analyze current and historic data using the Texas Open Data Center.

NOTE: Some jurisdictions may have changed tax rates, thus affecting the comparison. See Local Sales Tax Rate Information Report [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/sales/rate-report.php] for a list of jurisdictions who have changed rates in the preceding 14 months.

U/C = Unable To Compute Percentage Change

Total Net Payments This Period: **\$706,094,029.63**; Comparable Payment Prior Year: **\$675,630,675.83**; Percent Change: **4.51%**

Total Payments YTD: **\$7,079,056,997.90**; Total Prior Year Payment YTD: **\$6,723,131,207.33**; Percent Change: **5.29%**

Search Table

| City | Net Payment This Period | Comparable Payment Prior Year | % Change | Payment YTD | Prior Year Payment YTD | % Change |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Hart | \$6,659.26 | \$4,282.07 | 55.51% | \$58,041.72 | \$53,222.48 | 9.05% |
| Haskell | \$82,474.17 | \$79,196.93 | 4.13% | \$699,167.06 | \$659,212.62 | 6.06% |
| Haslet | \$550,818.45 | \$672,862.53 | -18.13% | \$5,113,450.91 | \$5,687,303.99 | -10.09% |
| Hawk Cove | \$1,847.58 | \$2,097.64 | -11.92% | \$21,586.87 | \$22,966.73 | -6.00% |
| Hawkins | \$40,399.56 | \$40,734.15 | -0.82% | \$428,955.06 | \$362,808.33 | 18.23% |
| Hawley | \$43,080.66 | \$42,009.80 | 2.54% | \$349,603.97 | \$303,267.96 | 15.27% |
| Hays | \$2,216.91 | \$2,014.60 | 10.04% | \$19,329.11 | \$19,850.76 | -2.62% |
| Hearne | \$212,950.27 | \$132,470.95 | 60.75% | \$2,111,900.46 | \$1,267,140.55 | 66.66% |
| Heath | \$240,906.02 | \$247,014.42 | -2.47% | \$2,631,164.17 | \$2,337,349.36 | 12.57% |
| Hebron | \$14,889.53 | \$11,175.45 | 33.23% | \$143,210.71 | \$108,944.80 | 31.45% |
| Hedley | \$810.57 | \$1,110.03 | -26.97% | \$10,425.59 | \$9,723.06 | 7.22% |
| Hedwig Village | \$238,211.33 | \$163,345.34 | 45.83% | \$2,647,145.24 | \$1,786,584.24 | 48.16% |
| Helotes | \$968,769.05 | \$1,263,876.28 | -23.34% | \$8,851,718.98 | \$12,598,104.68 | -29.73% |
| Hemphill | \$42,010.92 | \$44,008.23 | -4.53% | \$508,970.36 | \$486,553.72 | 4.60% |
| Hempstead | \$221,128.39 | \$198,386.76 | 11.46% | \$2,014,502.49 | \$1,930,467.18 | 4.35% |
| Henderson | \$688,441.36 | \$654,916.36 | 5.11% | \$7,630,171.00 | \$6,642,354.81 | 14.87% |
| Henrietta | \$67,555.83 | \$60,947.65 | 10.84% | \$775,400.42 | \$688,370.06 | 12.64% |
| Hereford | \$293,211.80 | \$323,847.35 | -9.45% | \$3,018,397.40 | \$2,903,033.10 | 3.97% |
| Hewitt | \$366,659.98 | \$344,632.04 | 6.39% | \$3,728,486.57 | \$3,431,013.37 | 8.67% |
| Hickory Creek | \$197,390.81 | \$178,439.72 | 10.62% | \$2,096,173.75 | \$1,851,306.26 | 13.22% |


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