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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on July 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore announced that the Fire Department had received a new puppy, Lady IV and she is a beautiful dog. The City is happy to have her and everyone is welcome to stop by and meet her.

The Water Department has distributed the brochure as required every July 1 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) providing citizen's information about the quality of drinking water in the City of Richmond. The report is called the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The Mayor stated she was pleased with the report.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Terry Gaul, Commissioner P1
Barry Beard, Commissioner P2
Carl Drozd, Commissioner P3
Josh Lockhart, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Excuse from Attendance. There were no absences to discuss, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A3, Presentations with Employee Recognition for Service with the City.

There were none.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, no one signed up to speak therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A5 the Public Hearing to receive comments for or against text amendments to the Unified Development Code to revise certain regulations pertaining to signage, fences, building form and design, accessory

buildings and structures, landscaping, and administrative reviews. No one was present to speak, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A6, Public Hearing to receive comments for or against text amendments to the Unified Development Code to provide for the uses “nano-brewery”, “microbrewery”, and “custom assembly” in the Olde Town (OT), Downtown (DN), Suburban Commercial (SC), General Commercial (GC), Business Park (BP), and Mixed Use (MU) Zoning Districts. No one was present to speak, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion regarding agenda item A7, the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Beard pulled item A7 (10) Commissioner Gaul moved to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda items with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A7 (10) Commissioner Beard made the request that in the future where there is a variance to be approved by the Commission, that variance be identified within the agenda item so the Commission will be aware of what they are approving.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve agenda item A7 (10) with Commissioner Lockhart seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A8, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 233-2018, appointment of Parks and Recreation Board Members. Mayor Moore reappointed Robert Haas to position 2, Veronica Torres to position 5, and Robert Hodge to position 6 for terms to begin on July 20, 2018 and end on July 20, 2021. They will serve three year terms. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A9, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 234-2018, appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Board Members. Mayor Moore reappointed Stephen Doggett to position 2 and Ralph Gonzales to position 4 for terms to begin on July 20, 2018 and end on July 20, 2020. They will serve two year terms. Commissioner Gaul suggested the vacant alternate position be filled for the board to have a supermajority vote which the board is required. City Manager Terri Vela stated the position would be on the August agenda. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A10, to review and consider taking action on mural regulations in the Historical District. City Planning Director Jessica Duet provided the Commission with a review of the regulations for murals as to use, materials, design, color and what would be permitted. These guidelines have been discussed at the Richmond Historical Commission meetings and the guidelines proposed that the final authority for the approval for a Certificate for Appropriateness be with the Richmond Historical Commission. It was preferred that the Commission would have the ultimate authority regarding the mural approvals. There was some discussion as to the responsibility of the maintenance of the mural once applied. Following a lengthy dialogue, no action was taken and the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A11 to review and consider taking action on the Ordinance No. 2018-09, Historic Property Tax Exemption Policy. City Planning Director Duet addressed the Commission regarding a partial tax exemption being granted for historic structures which bear the Texas Historical Marker, National Register of Historic Places, or National Historic Landmark to use the money saved to provide for regular maintenance and/or repair of historically significant structures for the overall benefit of long term preservation. The property owner would need to make application annually and an inspection would ensue. The exemption would stay with the property not the owner in case of a sale. The Richmond Historic Commission recommended a 50% tax exemption however staff recommended a more conservative 25% to err on the side of caution. Commissioner Drozd was in favor of the 50% because of the exorbitant cost of maintaining an historic home. Commissioner Lockhart was more inclined to support the 25% in fairness to the citizens who do not live in historical homes. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-09 the Historic Property Tax Exemption Policy at a 25% exemption rate. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The agenda item was closed.

The agenda item A12 to review and consider taking action on the Ordinance No. 2018-02, amending the Unified Development Code to establish a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park Zoning District. City Planner Duet addressed the Commission with revised language having removed the "tent" references and "recreational cabin" requirements and changes to the 90 day references. Commissioner Beard expressed his concern for the enforcement of the regulations. Commissioner Gaul stated his understanding is that the intent is not to "live" in the RV Park with Commissioner Drozd stating that his perception is that RVers do "homestead" at various locations but echoed that sentiment. Commissioner Lockhart reiterated his position of adhering to the FEMA Regulations with regards to flooding with proper drainage and other provisions. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-02, amending the Unified Development Code to establish a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park Zoning District with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A13 to review and consider taking action on the Ordinance No. 2018-10, amending the Unified Development Code to provide for the uses "nano-brewery", "microbrewery", and "custom assembly" in the Olde Town (OT), Downtown (DN), Suburban Commercial (SC), General Commercial (GC), Business Park (BP), and Mixed Use (MU) Zoning Districts. City Planning Director reviewed the land use terms and the differences in the breweries. Commissioner Gaul expressed his concern that the parking requirements appear too low. Following a brief question and answer session at which Commissioner Beard stated the Development Corporation is very excited at the possibility of having this opportunity in the City of Richmond. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10, amending the Unified Development Code to provide for the uses "nano-brewery", "microbrewery", and "custom assembly" in the Olde Town (OT), Downtown (DN),

Suburban Commercial (SC), General Commercial (GC), Business Park (BP), and Mixed Use (MU) Zoning District. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A14, to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2018-04, establishing a policy on abandonment of public streets, alleys, and easements. City Attorney Gary Smith provided the background for the need for the ordinance. Additional language was added for an appraisal at the expense of the requestor as well as some other suggested changes to be included. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-04, establishing a policy on abandonment of public streets, alleys, and easements as amended with Commissioner Lockhart seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

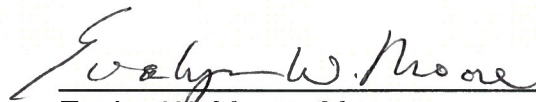
Agenda item A15, to review and consider taking action on a Resolution No. 235-2018, Interlocal Agreement for County Managed Road Construction Project, Mobility Project No. X18 – Front Street. Attorney Smith addressed the Commission stating the County would be using their funding and bidding process but they will be required to build to our specifications and standards. Commissioner Beard inquired as to the timeline as to avoid the extended construction period experienced on the Golfview Project. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to approve the Resolution No. 235-2018, the Interlocal Agreement for County Managed Road Construction Project, Mobility Project No. X18 – Front Street. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session at 5:36 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney. Mayor Moore announced that the City Commission adjourns into executive session, closed meeting.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:57 p.m.

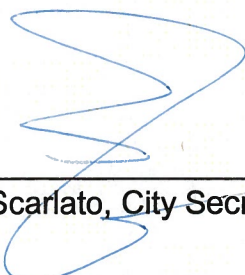
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary