

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Commission Meeting Session on August 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor Jesse Torres, 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, Public Comments. No one signed up to speak during this time and the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Review and accept the 2018 Certified Appraisal Roll. Finance Director Susan Lang addressed the Commission stating the Tax Assessor receives the Certified Appraisal Roll from the Central Appraisal District. Director Lang stated that the City has received from the Tax Assessor Collector the Certified Appraisal Roll as well as the Anticipated Collection Rate and new Property Values. There were no questions. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to accept the 2018 Certified Appraisal Roll, Anticipated Collection Rate and New Property Values. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and there were four votes to accept.

Agenda item A4, to present the FY 2018-2019 Budget per Charter, Section 7.02. Commission shall name the date and place of a public hearing and shall have published in official newspaper no less than 10 days before – Set public hearing for Budget, Per Section 7.05 (September 10, 2018). Finance Director Susan Lang reviewed the Budget Calendar and the necessary steps required per the Charter at each meeting. The City is required to hold a public hearing and publish a notice in the official newspaper of the City. City Manager Vela made note that the proposed tax rate would be on the website

as of August 14, 2018 Finance's page. A workshop will be held on August 20th, 2018 to discuss the revenues and the tax rate which falls on a Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting. There will be a public hearing on September 10th, being held at the City Hall Annex located at 600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas at 4:30 p.m. There was no action taken regarding this item.

Mayor Moore introduced the agenda item A5, review and discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 28, Article III, Driveway, Sidewalk, Culvert Construction or Repair Policy and Regulations. Public Works Director Howard Christian provided a presentation regarding the need for the amendments to the Code of Ordinances. Many of the sidewalks within the City need to be repaired due to tree roots that have caused damage. A study was completed rating the sidewalks by priority, also the culverts being a first priority if damaged by a storm. The City has 114,076 linear feet of sidewalk. The City is in the process of applying for multiple grant opportunities to install sidewalks on the North side of Richmond that follow the Trail Master Plan. These sidewalks would be maintained and repaired by the City. The City planning to design, install and maintain sidewalks conflicts with the existing ordinance which previously was the responsibility of the property owner. Commissioner Drozd made note of his concern for neighborhoods without existing sidewalks. There was no action taken, the item was only presented at this time and an Ordinance will be provided at the next meeting. Therefore, the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6, review and consider taking action on the Engineer's Recommendation of award Construction Contract for the Elevated Storage Tank No. 4 on FM 359. Public Works Director Howard Christian provided the background of the project. TCEQ cited the City in 2015 for inadequate elevated storage capacity, the selection site provided a buffer to the homeowners as well as more uniform pressure and emergency supply east of the river and for future development. Two bids were received for the project with the lowest bidder being Schier Construction Co., Inc. at \$1,710,495. The cost of constructing the new elevated storage tank will be shared between the City and Municipal MUD's 207, 215, 140, and 145. The City will be responsible for approximately 50% of the construction cost. The estimated construction time will be 390 days. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Engineer's Recommendation of award of the Construction Contract for the Elevated Storage Tank No. 4 on FM 359 to Schier Construction Co., Inc. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the votes were four "ayes" to approve.

Agenda item A7, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 236-2018, authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor for Grant Funding for the Police Department Mobile Data Terminals. Police Chief Gary Adams provided an overview of the Mobile Data Terminals being the "in car computers".

Chief Adams also stated that the program is a match program and would be at no cost to the City. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve the Resolution No. 236-2018, authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor for Grant Funding for the Police Department Mobile Data Terminals. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

With no further business to discuss, the Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary