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

Mayor Pro-Tem Barry Beard proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m., welcoming the guests, staff and citizens in attendance. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor - Absent
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 Pro-Tem Barry Beard introduced agenda item A2, Public Comments. No one signed up to speak during this time and the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Beard introduced agenda item A3, Presentation of Certificates to students who participated with the Clay Park Mural Project. The student's names were read and the certificates were presented to each child along with a group photo. There were 16 students that participated in the project. Mayor Pro-Tem Beard noted that the Jane Long Elementary is an "example of excellence" and urged everyone to visit Clay Park. The teamwork of the children, Keep Richmond Beautiful and Allehseya Hawk was outstanding and the students were a great example of the young people in our community. The following students were recognized:

Cesar Alanis	Ian Paniagua
Ryder Brothers	Michelle Paniagua
Andy Gonzales	Abigail Ricklefson
Xiomara Hinojosa	Rylan Ricklefson
Edwardo Huerta	Diego Rojas
Elizabeth Martinez	Sophia Rojas
Angel Miranda	Yvonne Rojas
Yaqueline Morales	Caroline Villareal

Agenda item A4, the Budget Workshop on Proposed Expenditures, Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Finance Director Susan Lang addressed the Commission providing an overview of the expenditures. The increase in debt as a percent of the total budget is due to the mandated requirement by the Ft. Bend Subsidence District to build the Surface Water Treatment Facility, however this is a tremendous benefit to our citizens. The proposed budget will leave the City with an estimated fund balance reserve of 99 days which is better than the recommended GFOA Best Practice of 90 Days. Director Lang noted that the Water and Sewer Fund Reserves had an estimated fund balance reserve of 150 Days. Therefore, both funds have very healthy fund balances with regard to the GFOA Best Practices. There is a 4% cost of living increase for employees and the addition of four positions provided for in the budget. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the health insurance for the employees. It was reiterated that the Commission would like to provide what is best for the employees and in turn save money for the citizens. Director Lang briefly reviewed the Development Corporation of Richmond "DCR" Budget stating that the DCR has done a tremendous amount of investing in the City so that even though the fund balance appears to have decreased, it remains very healthy. Director Lang was elated to share the City finally has numbers for the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT) and reviewed the uses for the proceeds of those taxes for the City. It was pointed out once again that the City of Richmond has strong fiscal policies, achieving an AA- Standard and Poor's Rating which Director Lang and staff are very proud to report. Following a question and answer period, the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Beard introduced the agenda item A5, review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 241-2018, designating City Parks. City Manager Terri Vela stated per the code of ordinances it is necessary to designate there are six parks within the city limits of Richmond. The proposed resolution designates City Hall Plaza, Clay Park, Crawford Park, Freeman Town Park, George Park and Wessendorff Park as city parks. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to approve Resolution No. 241-2018, designation City Parks with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Beard introduced agenda item A6, review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2018-05, amending Richmond Code, Section 26-20, "Hours of Operation," Article II "Public Conduct in Parks and Recreational Facilities," Chapter 26 "Parks and Recreation," of the Code of Ordinances to provide for establishing the hours for Crawford Park and City Hall Plaza. Terri Vela, City Manager spoke regarding the Ordinance stating it provides for the hours of operation for Crawford Park and City Hall Plaza which were previously omitted. City Manager Vela stated the hours of City Hall

Plaza to be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. It was stated the hours of Clay Park to be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. during daylight savings time. Commissioner Drozd expressed concern for the enforcement of parking at City Hall Plaza of which City Manager Vela stated the City only monitors the “use” of the park, not the “parking” which is public parking. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-05, amending Richmond Code, Section 26-20, “Hours of Operation,” Article II “Public Conduct in Parks and Recreational Facilities,” Chapter 26 “Parks and Recreation,” of the Code of Ordinances to provide for establishing the hours for Crawford Park and City Hall Plaza. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A7, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 242-2018, conveying land for the original Elevated Storage tank site to Fort Bend Municipal Utility District 145. Public Works Director Howard Christian addressed the Commission providing the background of the agenda item. Rio Vista has maintained and made improvements to the .3 acres that was a placeholder for the original site of elevated storage tank. The indication was that it would be used for an expansion of an existing park. There were questions from the Commissioners as to the current market value, the recently passed ordinance that transfers of property should be at the value listed on the Central Appraisal District. Commissioner Lockhart suggested there be a deed restriction as to the use, City Manager Vela stated there perhaps could be a reverter clause included in the language. The motion was made by Commissioner Gaul to table the item until a better idea of the value of the property and to insure its use as intended can be provided. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A8, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 243-2018, mural regulations in the Historical District. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to table Resolution No. 243-2018, mural regulations in the Historical District until the language can be rewritten. City Manager Vela requested the Commissioners have the language revisions in before September 17th. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Beard introduced agenda item A9, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 245-2018, appointment of the City of Richmond’s Representative and alternate to H-GAC’s 2019 General Assembly. Mayor Pro-Tem Beard nominated Commissioner Terry Gaul as the Representative for the H-GAC-s 2019 General Assembly and Commissioner Drozd as the Alternate. There were three “ayes” to approve and no “nays”. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A10, to review and consider taking action on Amended and Restated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Agreement with Long Acres Ranch. City

Manager Vela introduced the item stating there were suggested changes to the existing agreement that staff feels are necessary. Commissioner Lockhart inquired as to the terms of the agreement and the proposed changes, of which Public Works Director Howard Christian assured the Commission the City would maintain total control. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to approve the Amended and Restated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Agreement with Long Acres Ranch. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

City Manager Vela stated if there were no questions regarding the resolution No. 244-2018 in Agenda item C2. There would be no reason to adjourn to Executive Session. The Commission stated they had no questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Beard introduced agenda item C2, review and consider approving Resolution No. 244-2018, authorizing staff to purchase certain property for Front/Fort Street project. City Manager Terri Vela stated the agenda item would allow the City to complete the purchase of certain property for the widening of the Front/Fort Street Property to complete the Fort Bend County Mobility Project of Williams Way Phase IV. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 244-2018, authorizing staff to purchase Front/Fort Street property with Commissioner Lockhart seconding the motion. The votes were unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

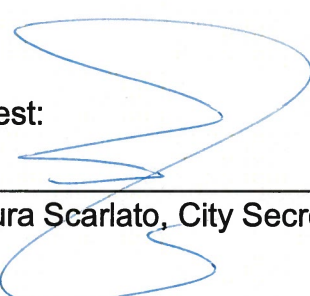
With no further business to discuss, the Mayor Pro-Tem Beard adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

APPROVED:



Barry C. Beard, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary