

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on November 19, 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 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

The Mayor proceeded to make the following announcements:

- Tree Lighting on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. City Hall Plaza
- Miracle on Morton Street on December 1st from 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- The Pecan Harvest Festival held on November 18<sup>th</sup> was great, it was unfortunate that it was a little spoiled by the rain.
- The Riveredge Fall Festival & Family Feast held on November 17 at Clay Park was a very nice event with several City officials participating.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Excuse from Attendance at a Regular City Commission Meeting. There were no absences to approve, the agenda item was closed.

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

Jose Medina, 20 years of service, Street Department.

Mayor Moore proceeded to read the proclamation honoring Ms. Lila Smith for her 25 years of Public Service with Fort Bend County. Ms. Smith has worked for Constable Tiny Gaston, Constable A.J. Dorr and Commissioner Andy Meyers and the City of Richmond recognized her as a valuable member of the community.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, there were three individuals signed up to speak.

- Natalia Martin, 25918 So. Lakefair Drive, Richmond, Texas 77406
  Miss Richmond Jr. Teen ~ Personal platform of anti-bullying and domestic violence along with promoting kindness.
- William Benton, 1509 Georgina, Rosenberg, Texas 77471
  A6 ~ Renaming of Williams Way and the effect it has on the business owners, et.al.
- Deacon Robert Willis, Jr., 1142 Desert Oasis Lane, Richmond, Texas 77471
  A6 ~ Renaming of Williams Way and sentimental aspect, 2<sup>nd</sup> change from Ransom Road.
  Request consideration.

There were no other comments or concerns, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion regarding agenda item A5, the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Beard pulled Consent Agenda items (2) and (13). Mayor Moore pulled Consent Agenda items (3), (7), and (10).

Commissioner Lockhart moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

- A5 (2). Commissioner Beard recited the report from the Office of Code Compliance because it was so well written felt it need to be shared and appreciated what Kay Moss had expressed, "...devoted to seeing Richmond Sparkle".
- A5 (3). Mayor Moore commended the Police Department on a successful National Night Out and the work that they put forth.
- A5 (7). Mayor Moore applauded the Public Works Department with regards to the sidewalk update. The ordinance was recently passed and the work can be seen all over town. The "guys are really hitting it!"
- A5 (10). Mayor Moore stated that on the final plat for Veranda Section Twenty-Three there is a beautiful street named Lourena Farmer Road. Please make note not to name a street after Ms. Farmer's daughter.
- A5 (13). Commissioner Beard asked a question if the lots were in Freeman Town and if the combining of them would have an effect on any citizens. Jose Abraham, Planning Director stated that it would not. There are five lots being combined into two lots. According to City Manager Vela the property will not be landlocked.

Commissioner Beard moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A5 (2), (3), (7), (10), and (13) with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6, to review and consider taking action Ordinance No. 2018-17, renaming of the portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, from US Highway 90A to Austin Street; Austin Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Front Street; Front Street from Austin Street to Hillcrest Drive; and the portion of Williams Way Boulevard located within Richmond City limits to Richmond Parkway. Terri Vela, City Manager stated a letter and information from Joan McLeod has been included in their packet for their review. City Manager Vela also stated that a modified request had been submitted to Fort Bend County. The modification would include renaming the portion of Williams Way Boulevard located within the county; extending south to US 59. The portion between US 59 and FM 762 would remain Williams Way Boulevard. The portion north of US 59 as indicated

specifically above would be renamed to Richmond Parkway. It was stated that public hearings were published and held as required. The Planning and Zoning Commission met regarding the renaming and Fort Bend County held the required public hearings. Commissioner Beard made a statement regarding the distress the name changes have caused to the families but having the name changed to Richmond Parkway would be the gateway to the community from now on for a city that was founded in 1837. Commissioner Gaul stated he supported the change as long as it was communicated effectively with the parties effected to minimize damages and any inconvenience. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-17, renaming of the portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, from US Highway 90A to Austin Street; Austin Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Front Street; Front Street from Austin Street to Hillcrest Drive; and the portion of Williams Way Boulevard located within Richmond City limits to Richmond Parkway. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 251-2018, Recommendation of City's Insurance Carriers for 2019 Plan Year. Terri Vela, City Manager conveyed to the Commission that staff was recommending Blue Cross Blue Shield along with optional coverage for employees' dependents. It is a dual option plan to include the traditional plan and a high-deductible option. City Manager Vela stated the City would experience a 3% savings from prior vears premiums. Commissioner Drozd inquired if the staff had a positive response to this proposal. City Manager Vela stated it was unanimous. Commissioner Lockhart expressed great reservation as to the approval by staff, stated it was originally not recommended and was approved because it was only option they were given. Commissioner Lockhart stated he would like to be on record that "we are doing business again that I don't agree with ethically or morally with a company, the insurance **BROKER** that submitted their proposal not on time and did not have the legal license to submit this initially. We are following through with basically unethical and illegal processes by approving this but I do want to do what is right by our employees." Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 251-2018, Recommendation of City's Insurance Carriers for 2019 Plan Year with Commissioner Lockhart seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A8, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 242-2018, conveying land for the original Elevated Storage Tank site to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 145. Assistant City Manager of Development Services Howard Christian addressed the Commission stating the property is too small for any practical use. City Manager Vela noted that the plat notes restrict the use as well. City Attorney stated that it would need the approval by all the property owners to change the restrictions. The MUD 145 was agreeable to the reverter clause that was requested to be included by the City. The motion was made by Commissioner Gaul to approve Resolution No. 242-2018, conveying land for the original Elevated Storage Tank site to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 145. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A9, to review and consider taking action on staff's recommendation to Award Contract for Ransom Road GST Rehabilitation Project. Assistant City Manager of Development Services Howard Christian spoke regarding the agenda item stating the City received 11 bids for this project that were opened on November 8, 2018. The lowest bidder was CFG Industries from Magnolia, TX with a combined bid of \$318,300. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the authorization of execution of a contract for the Ransom Road GST Rehabilitation Project to CFG Industries in the amount of \$318,300. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

The Mayor opened agenda item A10, to review and consider taking action on staff's recommendation to Award Contract for the construction of the Regional Lift Station. Assistant City Manager of Development Services Christian addressed the Commission regarding the lift station. The City received 7 bids for the project on October 18, 2018. The low bidder was Principal Plant Services, LLC. in the amount of \$1,368,892.51. The cost of constructing the station will be shared between the City, MUD 215 and MUD 1. Capacity allocation will equate to: MUD 215 (24%), MUD 1 (15%), and the City approximately (60%) which includes MUD 121's capacity. Commissioner Beard made the motion to authorize the execution of a construction contract to Principal Plant Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,368,892.51 for construction of the Regional Lift Station. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A11 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 252-2018, T-Mobile Agreement to lease space on the George Elevated Storage Tank to enhance their cell phone reception in the area. Assistant City Manager of Development Services Christian spoke regarding the agenda item stating that T-Mobile had approached staff approximately 12 months ago. ACM Christian reviewed the terms of the agreement with an annual payment of \$18,000 per year with a 3% increase each year thereafter. The agreement calls for limited access to the Elevated Storage Tank site for maintenance to their ground equipment. If access is required to the tank, it will require that City personnel be on site. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the security of the site as well as the insurance indemnification. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to authorize the execution of a lease agreement with T-Mobile for the installation of cell tower antennas on the George Street Elevated Storage Tank with a modification to better define authorized personnel. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A12, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 253-2018, appointing Board Members to the Keep Richmond Beautiful Board. Commissioner Beard made a motion to table the item with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The item was tabled.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A13 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 254-2018, adopting the 457 Plan and Trust, and providing the City

Manager with authorization to direct, execute and deliver documents to the Administrator of the Plan. Commissioner Beard made the motion to table agenda item A13 with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The item was tabled.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary