

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Commission Meeting Session on February 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Evalyn W. Moore suggested that we remember that we are here to conduct civic business and address each other with respect.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:30 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 - Absent
Josh Lockhart, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Draw for a place on the ballot for the General Election for the May 4, 2019 Election. City Manager Terri Vela shuffled the cards and announced that for Position 2, Barry Beard would be placed on the ballot unopposed therefore he did not have to draw. Tres Dale Davis was not present however, Reverend Curtis Ray Lucas drew for Mr. Davis's place on the ballot drawing an Ace of spades. Alex BeMent drew for a place on the ballot with the assistance of his son drawing an 8 of clubs. Therefore, Tres Dale Davis will be listed first and Alex BeMent will be listed second for Position 4 on the ballot for the election to be held May 4, 2019.

Mayor Moore announced agenda item A5 would be addressed at this time. Mr. Richard Stolleis, Fort Bend County Engineer was present to provide an update on FM 762 Extension/North 10<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Project. Mr. Stolleis presented a brief summary of the history of the project, cost estimates and the Interlocal agreement. City Manager Terri Vela stated the mobility request is for a four lane concrete roadway with curbs and an increased

right of way to 120 feet to prepare for future growth. The original plan was for an 85 foot ROW. Mr. Stolleis stated the future plan for the project would be to eventually connect the road from the Grand Parkway at Peek Road to Westpark Tollway, and ending at the Thompson Highway. This would be a major highway that would impact the community and be a huge game changer in the area. Mr. Stolleis stated the idea is a great one and was originally the City's idea when it was proposed in a bond issue in 2001 which the voters approved. Mr. Stolleis provided an outline taking Cobb Fendley's work and moving it forward to today with 120 feet of ROW, connecting it to Highway 90A to Clay Road with an at grade crossing at the railroad. The estimated cost would be \$14.5 million. The City and Fort Bend County are exploring an Interlocal agreement, with language, shared funding and design. Mr. Stolleis stated at this time he could not recommend to Commissioners Court to support the project due to funding but could propose a future bond issue. Commissioner Beard requested the County work with staff to proceed with the project. The agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, discussion on certain provisions and regulations pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Unit, Land Use Allowance, Parking, and Landscaping within the Olde Town District (OT). City Planning Director Jose Abraham provided a presentation to the Commission. Director Abraham reviewed the UDC regulations and what is not allowed in the Olde Town district. It was stated that the City has received numerous development proposals within the OT District however, because of the restrictions they cannot be considered. The regulations being reviewed are as follows (in brief):

- Detached single family use allowed only if existed on effective date of UDC. Conversion of a non-residential use to a residential is not allowed.
- Live/work units which are not currently allowed.
- · Accessory dwelling units are not currently allowed.
- Detached single family use is allowed only if the use existed on the effective date of the UDC.
- On-street parking is not counted towards parking requirements.
- The tree preservation and requirements for new development projects and how they appear to be lacking for redevelopment projects that include mature trees and existing landscaping.

Both the Richmond Historical Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission have reviewed the six regulations in place and also the proposed changes. Staff and both boards would like recommendations from the Commission as to reconsideration of amending the UDC regulations and provisions. Staff still remains committed to ensuring that the UDC regulation reflect the purpose of the OT District and that it meets the 2014 Comprehensive Master Plan goals. There was no action, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A4, Discuss proposed Murals in the Downtown District. City Planning Director Jose Abraham afforded the presentation regarding the Downtown District Murals to the Commission. Director Abraham reviewed the allowed locations of the murals, the design criteria or restrictions, and the acceptable materials. There are different materials allowed for the different surfaces, those were reviewed along with the maintenance and color. There is an application process and all murals will have to receive a *Certificate of Appropriateness* from the Richmond Historical Commission. The City Commission has final approval on all murals per Director Abraham. The murals will be inspected twice a year and the building owner is responsible for the maintenance of the mural. Director Abraham also reviewed the damage and removal of the mural and associated materials. This was not an action item, therefore the agenda item was closed.

With no further business to discuss, the Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary