

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Commission Meeting Session on May 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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 A.D. Eversole, Commissioner P4 Terri Vela, City Manager Gary Smith, City Attorney Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore commended staff and the City Manager on their hard work during the recent rain event, expressing that they all did a great job.

Agenda item A2, Proclamations honoring the Peace Officer Memorial Day, May 15<sup>th</sup> and National Police Week, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> was read by Mayor Moore. the proclamation Honoring the Peace Officers and National Police Week, including the ceremonies that are held in Washington D.C. to honor our fallen heroes of which there were 11 in Texas in 2018. Chief Gary Adams was present to accept the Proclamation.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Public Comments.

Josh Lockhart ~ 701 Hillcrest Drive, Richmond, Texas

Mr. Lockhart stated that on the agenda it was noted that he had filed another complaint against the Mayor and Commission. He proceeded to read a written statement from previously filed complaints against the Mayor. Mr. Lockhart was called out of order six times and asked to be removed three times from the Commission room. He demanded to be handcuffed and taken to jail which Officer Oliver declined to carry out his request. City Attorney Gary Smith recited the Rules of the Commission, Section I,9. Mr. Lockhart stated he was reading the letter of censure filed against the Mayor, Roberts Rules of Order and the Texas Government Code. Mr. Lockhart agreed to leave the Commission room after several minutes.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, Canvassing of the May 4, 2019 General Election Results. The results were read by Terri Vela, City Manager as follows:

## For the position of Commissioner, Position 2, the following votes cast:

Barry Beard 247 Final Total 247

## For the position of Commissioner, Position 4, the following votes cast:

Tres Davis 92 Alex BeMent 239 Final Total 331

City Manager Vela proceeded to announce that Barry Beard would continue to be the Commissioner for Position 2 and Alex BeMent would be the Commissioner for Position 4. However, according to the procedures in the Charter at the next City Commission meeting the new Commissioner BeMent will take office. This item is to canvass the results.

Agenda item A5, review and consider approving Ordinance No. 2019-18, certifying the General Election Results of May 4, 2019 was introduced by Mayor Moore. Commissioner A.D. Eversole made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-18, certifying the General Election Results of May 4, 2019 with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6, Oath of Office Given to the Newly Elected Officials, Positions 2 and 4 of the City Commission. City Secretary Laura Scarlato provided the Oath of Office for Position 4 to Alex BeMent, declaring him Commissioner for the City of Richmond. City Secretary Laura Scarlato provided the Oath of Office for Position 2 to Barry Beard, declaring him once again the Commissioner for the City of Richmond. The terms of these positions will be from May 13, 2019 to May, 2022 for a three year term. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A7 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 270-2019, appointment of the West Fort Bend Management District Board Members. City Manager Terri Vela stated that Todd Johnson and Joey Dupuis are the current representatives for the City of Richmond. Both would like to continue to serve on the board if reappointed. The term is a four year term stated City Manager Vela. There was a brief question and answer period and then the Mayor made the motion to reappoint Todd Johnson (Position 2) and Joey Dupuis (Position 3) to the West Fort Bend Management District as the City of Richmond Board Appointees. Both terms will

end on June 1, 2023. The vote was unanimous to approve and the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2019-17, Declaring Local Disaster by the Mayor Pro Tem and the extension of the period. City Manager Vela stated that in order to put into official activation, the Ordinance needs to be approved. Also, if there is an additional emergency the declaration needs to be extended. However, City Manager Vela stated with the current weather predictions and reports no additional threats of weather are evident at this time. Chief Youngblood was the Interim Emergency Operations Coordinator for the event. Commissioner Drozd made note that the wording needed to be modified to remove the extension of the period. Commissioner Gaul stated it would need to also be modified from flooding due to the Brazos River to Flash Flooding. Commissioner Beard who was present for the EOC meetings and the event stated it was an honor to work with staff during the event. Also, he was very proud of how staff worked together and information was put out to the residents and the media. It was also noted that children were swimming in the water at Freeman Town Park and the citizens need to be reminded of water safety during these events. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to Ratify the Local Disaster Declaration for Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas Due to the Flash Flooding from the May 7, 2019 Rain Event and amend the body of the ordinance in accordance with the title. Commissioner Drozd seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A9 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 275-2019, Designation of Planning and Zoning Commission Board Members as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (Impact Fees). City Manager Vela addressed the agenda item stating during the water and wastewater master plan which is done every 5 years a rate analysis had been done. Most cities have a review board in place made up of real estate professionals and others to review those rates. At this time, staff is recommending Planning and Zoning review the rates and impact fees and they provide a recommendation to the Commission. This Board would be a subsection of the Planning and Zoning Commission Board with the same members. They have been given a presentation and direction as to what it entails and what is expected of them. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 275-2019 designating the Planning and Zoning Commission Board Members as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A10 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 276-2019, City of Richmond's Emergency Management Basic Plan and Annex U. Mayor Moore tabled this agenda item.

Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session at 4:57 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney. The City Commission adjourned into executive session, closed meeting.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:21 p.m.

Mayor Moore stated, "in regards to the complaint filed by Josh Lockhart we do have a statement to deliver".

City Manager Terri Vela stated, "There is no factual evidence that supports these rehashed claims and there is no merit to these rehashed allegations made by Josh Lockhart".

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Scarlato