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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Commission Meeting Session on September 9, 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
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Public Comments. No one present to speak therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, 2nd Public Hearing to receive comments for or against the City's Proposed 2020 Tax Rate of .6999. No one was present to speak, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A4, Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget, Per Section 7.05 of the City Charter. Finance Director Justin Alderete stated that the Local Government Code 102.006 and 102.007 requires the City to hold a public hearing and to take formal action at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Agenda item A5, Budget Workshop – Overview of changes during the Budget Process, Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget. Review and consider taking action to set the date to adopt the Budget on September 16, 2019. Finance Director Alderete provided the final overview for the Commission stating the following facts:

- In previous years, the tax rate has been lowered as the market price of property has increased based on supply and demand.
- Senate Bill 2 will cap market growth
- The City is constrained by tax exempt property totaling \$351,962,862. Minus this constraint, the tax rate would be \$0.43771

- Richmond cannot be compared to Sugar Land or Rosenberg due to different demographic makeups, city ages, and development histories

The City has positioned itself to mitigate future uncertainty associated with Senate Bills 2 and 1152 along with growth, development and aging infrastructure. The City will maintain a stable revenue stream by keeping a flat tax rate in 2020, holding sales tax revenue estimates flat, reducing franchise fees to mitigate state imposed revenue restrictions on services that exist in City owned right-of-ways. Also, there are proposed changes to the Development Corporation projects and strategic changes in appropriation management. Following a brief question and answer period, Commissioner Beard made the motion to close the Budget Workshop and set the date to adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 for September 16, 2019. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

The Mayor announced the Commission would now adjourn at 4:43 p.m. to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:39 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

There was no action taken after Executive Session.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato