

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Workshop Session on November 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Drozd proceeded to call the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. as Mayor Moore was absent from the meeting. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor – **Absent**Terry Gaul, Commissioner P1
Barry Beard, Commissioner P2
Carl Drozd, Commissioner P3
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4 - **Absent**Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

As this was the first pre-meeting workshop, there was a discussion regarding the points of order and asking if it was allowed to ask the City Manager questions outside of the Workshop. It was stated the Workshop was to make it more efficient for the Commission to ask questions of staff all at once and to complement the Commission Meeting. This should be more effective than each Commissioner meeting with the City Manager individually with duplicate questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Drozd proceeded to ask if the members had any questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

- There was a correction to the minutes of 10.21.19.
- · Comments were made regarding the new format of the Court Report.
- Finance explained the new format of the property tax and sales tax reports.
- Public Works was questioned regarding the schedule of the wayside horns and quiet zones.
- The 2nd Street Outfall Gates have been repaired with rubber guides.
- The Special Meetings in December are for Reimbursement Zones discussion, Comprehensive Master Plan and a public hearing for annexation.

A5. Only one application has been received for the Building and Standards Board. City Manager Vela stated the alternate member can move up and the nomination can replace the alternate. The item can be tabled until additional applications are received or the applicant can be nominated to replace the current alternate.

- A6. Commissioner Gaul requested the language be reviewed for consistency of terms within the resolution. Commissioner Beard inquired as to who monitors the investment training. Finance Director Justin Alderete stated the auditors verify the training certificates and 10 hours are required.
- At 9:43 the meeting transitioned to a discussion due to Commissioner Gaul stepping out to take a phone call.
- At 9:44 the meeting transitioned back to a meeting upon the return of Commissioner Gaul.
- A7. Commissioners requested the language be consistent and the date of the agreement be changed to the meeting date. The word "and" also needed to be moved and/or deleted in the resolution.
- A8. There was a discussion as to if the "positions" are appointed or the "names of individuals" are appointed. That will be determined. The general consensus of the Commission was to "appoint" the positions.
- A9. Finance Director Alderete provided the advantage of the investment pools which was providing diversity, liquidity and yield.
- A10. No discussion.
- A11. Assistant Police Chief Dixie Brzozowski stated the mobile video replacement are the dash cameras that are six years old and have to be replaced within the year to receive the grant. It was discussed what happens to the old cameras. City Manager Vela stated the City is reimbursed for the \$85,000 but the City's share is zero.
- A12. City Manager Terri Vela stated that Planning and Zoning is looking into the annexation of the property for the wastewater plant and adjacent portion of Pitts Road.
- A13. Assistant City Manager Howard Christian addressed the questions regarding the engineering contract and drainage of Lamar Drive. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this item.

Commissioner Beard had an additional question regarding the Consent Agenda with regards to approving plats with conditions. It was explained that the language, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission allows them to approve it without pulling it. However, if they would like to pull for discussion they are allowed too.

City Manager Terri Vela assisted Staff with all of the agenda items with comments and suggestions. The Commissioners had questions and comments on most of the items.

With no further discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 10.28 a.m.

APPROVED:

Carl A. Drozd, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary