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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Workshop Session on January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Drozd proceeded to call the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. 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
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Proclamations and Recognitions – No comments or questions.

Public comments – none.

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

- Commissioner Gaul has submitted corrections to the City Secretary, they will be reviewed and corrected minutes will be sent out before the Commission meeting at 4:30. Commissioner Beard suggested a correction as well.
- Fire Department Report/Code Compliance – No comments
- Police Department – Commissioner Beard commented on the Police Department report noting that crime is down in Richmond from a year ago and it needs to be celebrated. Assistant Police Chief Dixie Brzozowski stated that crime is down in the City across the board.
- Court Report – Court Administrator Carol Trujillo was present to discuss the changes to the Municipal Court Report.

- Property Tax Collection Report – No comments or questions.
- Monthly Financial Report - Commissioner Gaul inquired as to why the numbers varied within the report which Finance Director Alderete explained that one report is net of the MUD therefore its reflects what the City retains versus gross. Commissioner Beard inquired as to the increase in sales tax. Director Alderete stated there was an audit adjustment, the way the sales tax is collected has changed, and internet sales.
- Sales Tax Analysis – explain offline.
- Public Works – Commissioner Beard requested an update of the Collins Street/Sidewalk Project. Assistant Public Works Director Christian provided the update stating most of the work has been on the west side of Collins. Once complete it will move to the East side, lights will be installed in the next two weeks. The sludge hauling contract has gone out for bids. City Manager Vela stated the City attends the monthly meeting with County Commissioner Morales where funds for beautification have been discussed. Commissioner Beard commended the department for their involvement at Christmas with the Rainbow Room.
- Planning Department – Commission Beard stated the maps are fabulous providing the Commissioner with a chance to visually see what is on the horizon.
- Building Department – No comments.
- Emergency Management – Commissioner Beard stated that he is thrilled that the City of Richmond hosted the training events listed in the report.
- Veranda – Section 25, plat extension. Commissioner Drozd inquired as to what happens if a plat is disapproved. City Planner Jose Abraham stated the plats would be revised and resubmitted.
- Meeting Times – City Manager Vela stated the meeting on February 24th is for the drawing for placement on the ballot for the Mayor election on May 2nd, however there could be more items if City business should arise.

A7. City Attorney Gary Smith reviewed the need for additional language of the animal control ordinance. A recent case with a vicious animal occurred which resulted in the court following the state statute. There was a discussion on the item with Commissioner Gaul stating the definition of vicious or dangerous needing to be defined. Commissioner Beard stated there is a question as to how do you determine serious

bodily injury. It was reiterated this was not an action item but staff requesting comments and suggestions from the Commission.

A8. City Manager Vela stated there is a memo in the packet to begin the discussion of amendments to the Development Agreement for Veranda. There was a discussion regarding the modifications foreseen. This was not an action item, only included for discussion.

A9. Howard Christian addressed the questions from the Commission regarding this Interlocal Agreement with Region 6 Education Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The Commission inquired as to the benefits of the agreement. City Manager Vela stated that the City has several COOP Agreements and that the Finance Department has created a purchasing division to coordinate the process. Following a brief discussion, the item was closed.

A10. Chief Mike Youngblood fielded questions from the Commission regarding the Interlocal Agreement Fort Bend County and the City for First Responder and Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Gaul inquired as to changes to the current policies. City Manager Vela stated it is a formalization of what we currently have in place. Following a brief discussion, the agenda item was closed.

A11. No discussion.

A12. No discussion.

City Manager Terri Vela assisted Staff with all of the agenda items with comments and suggestions.

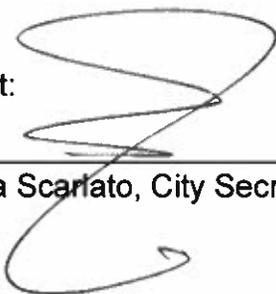
With no further discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 10.07 a.m.

APPROVED:



Carl A. Drozd, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



Laura Scarfato, City Secretary