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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on February 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

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

Mayor Moore proceeded to make the following presentations for agenda item A2:

- a. Employee Recognition for Service with the City of Richmond
 - William Norton, 10 years of service, Street and Drainage Department was present to receive the award and be photographed with Mayor Moore.
- b. Proclamations:
 1. Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month – Kelley O'Hara was present to accept the proclamation and be photographed with the Mayor. Ms. O'Hara is the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Lone Star Bleeding Disorder Foundation. Ms. O'Hara's son Brandon has severe Hemophilia A Disorder.
 2. Black History Month – Claire Rogers with the Fort Bend County Museum was present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Rogers invited everyone to the George Ranch Historical Park to the event honoring the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote. This year's Tales of Texas event is spotlighting the women and men who were advocates for women's right to vote and celebrate the right to vote of all citizens.

Agenda item A3, Public Comments, was opened and there were two individuals signed up to speak.

- Peter Houghton – 23206 Fallmist Court, Katy, Texas 77494
The speaker stated his company purchased the Prohler property and met with the City in June, 2019. There have been numerous meetings and everything has been great except the financing. The developer is not interested in doing a PID but would rather do a MUD. It was

stated the reasons why he felt that PIDs were not a good fit for the City. It was his hope that this property is worth investigating further to develop and build a relationship.

Agenda item A4, Public Hearing to hear comments for or against a Request by Randy McClendon on behalf of Fort Bend County to replat approximately 0.5303 acre tract of land; being a replat of Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 and the east ½ of Lots 4 and 11 and the adjacent 10-footstrip on the north side of Main Street, Block 74, City of Richmond, as recorded in Vol. A, Pg. 62, of Fort Bend County Deed Records as Fort Bend County Medic 6 Site in order to create 1 Block, 0 Lots, and 1 Reserve. There were no citizens present to speak at the hearing, therefore the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced Agenda item A5, asking if there was any discussion regarding the Consent Agenda. City Manager Vela pulled consent agenda item A5 (14). Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda items with Commissioner BeMent seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. City Manager Vela announced there will be a Special Commission Meeting on February 24th for the drawing for placement on the ballot. A Special Commission Meeting will be added on February 27th which was not reflected on the agenda item. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve agenda items A5 (14) with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the pulled item. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A6, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 313-2020, approving Voting System. Commissioner Gaul stated there was a discussion at the workshop regarding the new equipment. It was stated that John Oldham with Fort Bend County Elections confirmed the election judges would be trained and the machine to cast the votes would be positioned by the exit door and would be manned. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Resolution No. 313-2020, approving the voting system. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-01, calling a general election to elect the Mayor on May 2, 2020. City Manager Vela stated that the Exhibit B to the Ordinance had been updated to include the Richmond Water Maintenance Facility as an Early Voting Site per the conversation at the Workshop held earlier in the day. City Manager Vela stated that section 10 was revised to include Mayor Pro Tem naming the election judge only if necessary. In the past it would be the Mayor who would name the election judge but this being a mayoral election, to avoid a conflict of interest the language has been amended. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01, calling a general election to elect the Mayor on May 2, 2020. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A8, Review and consider taking action on the Resolution No. 318-2020, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election

Services with Fort Bend County. City Manager Vela stated that the City has contracted with Fort Bend County for the past approximately twenty years to administer its election. The attached Exhibit A reflects the Election Day Voting Centers and Exhibit B reflects the Early Voting Locations which are both subject to change because after the close of the filing period, districts may cancel elections. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 318-2020, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Fort Bend County with the amended change to reflect the Richmond Water Maintenance Facility as an Early Voting Location. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A9, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-03, annexation into the City Limits of an approximate 0.158 acre tract described in dedication deed dated May 18, 1983 from Jacob W. Blasdel and Ruth A. Blasdel to the Public, said dedication deed recorded at Vol. 1203, Page 31 of the Official Records of Fort Bend County dedicated to the public as a right of way, extension of Avenue B, owned by Fort Bend County and located on the northeast side of Damon Street. There was no discussion therefore, Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-03, annexation into the City Limits of an approximate 0.158 acre tract described in dedication deed dated May 18, 1983 from Jacob W. Blasdel and Ruth A. Blasdel to the Public, said dedication deed recorded at Vol. 1203, Page 31 of the Official Records of Fort Bend County dedicated to the public as a right of way, extension of Avenue B, owned by Fort Bend County and located on the northeast side of Damon Street. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

The Mayor introduced agenda item A10, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-04, annexation into the City Limits of an approximate 29.039 acre tract located on the west side of Pitts Road, approximately 375 feet north of the G. H. and S. A. Railroad right of way in the William Morton Survey Abstract 62, Fort Bend County, Texas described in the deed recorded in Fort Bend County Clerk's File No. 2006100712. Commissioner Drozd inquired if the road would be included in a separate ordinance. City Attorney Gary Smith stated his hope was to include but the City did not receive consent from the County. Commissioner BeMent made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-04, annexation into the City Limits of an approximate 29.039 acre tract located on the west side of Pitts Road, approximately 375 feet north of the G. H. and S. A. Railroad right of way in the William Morton Survey Abstract 62, Fort Bend County, Texas described in the deed recorded in Fort Bend County Clerk's File No. 2006100712. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A11, Review and consider taking action on request by Randy McClendon on behalf of Fort Bend County to replat approximately 0.5303 acre tract of land; being a replat of Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 and the east ½ of Lots 4 and 11 and the adjacent 10-footstrip on the north side of Main Street, Block 74, City of Richmond, as recorded in Vol. A, Pg. 62, of Fort Bend County Deed Records as Fort Bend County Medic 6 Site in order to create 1 Block, 0 Lots, and 1 Reserve. Associate Planner Mason Garcia was present to provide answers to questions. Commissioner Gaul

questioned if the ownership of all lots effected is currently owned by Fort Bend County and the City is consolidating all lots into one plat. Commissioner BeMent asked for clarification of the comment section of the plat. Associate Planner Garcia stated that the question regarding ownership is correct and that the ETJ line shown on the vicinity map was inaccurate and cannot be filed with the County. Commissioner Drozd stated he should abstain from voting due to the perceived conflict because of his ownership of property within 500' of this property. For clarification, City Manager Vela stated that in 1959 the City approved an ordinance abandoning the 10' strip on the north side of Main Street that was questioned at the workshop earlier in the day. Commissioner BeMent made the motion to approve the request to replat approximately 0.5303 acre tract of land; being a replat of Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 and the east ½ of Lots 4 and 11 and the adjacent 10-footstrip on the north side of Main Street, Block 74, City of Richmond, as recorded in Vol. A, Pg. 62, of Fort Bend County Deed Records as Fort Bend County Medic 6 Site in order to create 1 Block, 0 Lots, and 1 Reserve conditioned upon addressing the ETJ line on the vicinity map being inaccurate and that we refer to the map located on the City of Richmond website for the correct ETJ line location. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was three ayes (including the Mayor) with Commissioner Drozd abstaining. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A12, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 312-2019, Wayside Horn Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company. There was no action taken on this item, City Manager Vela stated staff is making progress with the agreement as discussed at the workshop earlier in the day. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A13, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 319-2020, Temporary Assignment of Rights under Water Supply Contract – Dow Chemical Company. City Manager Vela and Assistant City Manager Howard Christian were available to provide the background and answer questions. The agreement is similar to what the City has done in the past to comply with the 60% reduction requirement we have with the Brazos River Authority in 2025 which is the compliance date. Commissioner BeMent inquired as to the term of the agreement which is one year with automatic renewal with 30 days written notice. Commissioner Gaul inquired as to the value if the City were to be forced to take and/or pay for the water and not assign it to another party. Assistant City Manager Christian stated approximately \$200,000 per year. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 319-2020 A Temporary Resale Amendment to the system water availability agreement by and between the Brazos River Authority and the City of Richmond. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A14, Review, discuss, and take appropriate action concerning the Comprehensive Master Plan Update, including:

- a) Discuss draft timeline for the Comprehensive Master Plan Update.
- b) Discuss draft survey questions for Comprehensive Master Plan Update.
- c) Discuss relevant components and topics pertaining to Comprehensive Master Plan Update as part of visioning experience.

City Planner Jose Abraham addressed the Commission inviting input and defining the focus groups as a set of members from different walks of life. The listening sessions will capture a larger audience. The survey is to educate and get feedback from the citizens. Commissioner Drozd expressed concern that if the survey is available online, how the information is identified as to City of Richmond residents only versus ETJ residents. City Planner Abraham stated perhaps it could be isolated to a zip code parameter. The visioning exercise was explained as a process where it involved stakeholders coming together and providing a feel for the priorities that everyone has in mind, the direction of the community, policies that are on track with the vision and action items. There was a discussion regarding the new vision statement. Commissioner Gaul stated he would prefer to read through the plan and provide feedback. City Manager Vela requested the comments be provided by the next regular commission meeting. No further action was taken regarding this agenda item.

Agenda item A15, Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to accept the excuse from attendance for the January 21, 2020 meeting from Commissioner BeMent. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A16, to consider taking action on requests for future agenda items. There were no suggestions therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A17 to adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.072 and 551.087, Deliberation regarding Real Property and Economic Development Negotiations. The Mayor adjourned in to Executive Session at 5:29 p.m.

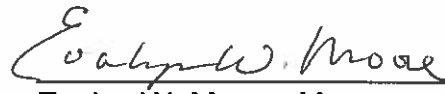
The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:49 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner BeMent made the motion to authorize staff to negotiate the purchase with the property owner of the Lane Drive project. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 317-2020 authorizing an Economic Development Grant Agreement for Project Up to facilitate and encourage the location of a business creating primary jobs within the City and authorizing expenditures pursuant to the agreement and providing an effective date. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary