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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on March 16, 2020 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 - ABSENT
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 proceeded to make the following presentation for agenda item A2:

- Employee Recognition for Service with the City of Richmond -
 - Maritza Salazar, 5 years of service, Finance Department was present to receive the award and be photographed with Mayor Moore.
- Presentation by Lieutenant Kovar, Richmond Police Department, explaining the transition from summary based reporting to incident based reporting and explain the differences in the report form and content.
 - Lieutenant Kovar stated the current reporting method, Summary Reporting System (SRS) dates back to the 1930's and is very outdated. The federal government has requested that the reporting move from SRS based to National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) based. Currently in SRS the Hierarchy Rule requires law enforcement agencies to report only the most serious offense per incident making the number of crimes understated. The new method will break each crime down so there will be a better understanding as to what actually happened at the crime scene. Lieutenant Kovar provided a very detailed report of the change and the types of crimes, victims, and offenses. When used to its full potential, NIBRS identifies with precision when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. This information will enable law enforcement to better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner. The amount of data that is being collected and reported is going to result in the numbers increasing which will in turn appear that crime is increasing when in fact it is not, only the way that it is being reported. Mayor Moore complimented Lieutenant Kovar on his report.

Agenda item A3, Public Comments – There were three individuals signed up to speak.

- **Dave Vrshek ~ 1006 Cleistes Lane, Richmond, Texas**
Mr. Vrshek spoke regarding the plat at Richmond Town Center expressing his concerns for the animals and green space. Mr. Vrshek also thanked the City for their efforts with obtaining the wayside horns and Union Pacific Agreement.
- **Austin Alvis ~ 1020 Euclid St., Houston, Texas**
Mr. Alvis stated he is with NewQuest and has worked with the Home Owners Association, Planning and Zoning, and the City of Richmond to meet all of the requirements. Mr. Alvis also stated they are doing all they can to mitigate any issues or concerns from the citizens.
- **Reid Wilson ~ 2506 Fannin, Houston, Texas**
Mr. Wilson declined the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Moore asked for discussion regarding the Consent Agenda A4. Commissioner Beard pulled A4 (10). Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda items with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve

A4 (10). Commissioner Beard pulled the Emergency Management Report to allow the EOC Director Anthony Pryor to report on the current Covid-19 situation. Director Pryor stated the City is monitoring the situation on a state and local level. Extra precautions are being taken as far as social spacing. The occupancy level in the Commission/Court Room has been lowered from 65 to 45. There are currently 9 reported cases in Fort Bend County. The cases are all travel related. The City is currently mirroring other agencies in the area. The President has lowered the acceptable gathering total from 50 to 10 people. It is recommended to continue to wash hands, use hand sanitizer, and limit access to public areas. Stay home for your own peace of mind.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Consent Agenda A4 (10) with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

A5. Review and consider taking action on a short form final plat—Richmond Town Center—2.9377 acres of land – 1 Block – 0 Lots – 2 Reserves. This plat combines a parcel of 1.7791 acres of land in the Jane H. Long League Abstract No. 55, Fort Bend County, Texas with the replat of a portion of Restricted Reserve “B”; and all of Reserve “F” of Del Webb - Richmond Section Two, a subdivision recorded as Plat No. 20100022 of the Plat Records of Fort Bend County, as recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission. The subject site is located at the northern corner of F.M. 762 and Circle Oak Parkway intersection, south of Del Webb Residential subdivision. Assistant Planner Mason Garcia provided the background of the property stating the application process began in October 2019 and the action pertains to the plat only and no action will be taken on the proposed site development. The development will be

expected to meet all the requirements of the Unified Development Code as well as the West Fort Bend Management District standards. The City has received numerous protests from residents regarding concerns including loss of property value, light pollution, noise, increased traffic on FM 762, loss of vegetative screening, potential flooding due to construction on the subject site and berm modifications, rodents and smells coming from dumpsters located on the site. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the short form final plat – Richmond Town Center – 2.9377 acres of land – 1 Block – 0 Lots – 2 Reserves with the conditions as set forth by staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion also includes the amendment to the Future Land Use Plan to reflect the proposed plat upon approval. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 312-2019, Wayside Horn Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company. City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the Commission stating that with the strong guidance of the City Manager Terri Vela and the Assistant City Manager Howard Christian, the City achieved best agreement that could be reached between the two parties. Attorney Smith provided some of the highlights to the terms of the agreement. Commissioner Beard praised staff and reiterated from the morning workshop that “he could not thank them enough for their hard work”. Commissioner Drozd thanked staff and inquired how long it would take for Union Pacific to execute the agreement. City Manager Vela stated it would be approximately a month for the agreement to circulate to the Union Pacific offices in Delaware and Nebraska. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 312-2019, Authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest an agreement for the installation, use, maintenance, and repair of wayside horns with Union Pacific Railroad Company; authorizing expenditures pursuant to the agreement; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-05 amending Article IV “Wrecker Services” of Chapter 32 “Traffic and Vehicles” of the City of Richmond Code of Ordinances, to require vehicle storage lots within the City to comply with the Unified Development Code and to provide the procedure for release of impounded vehicles. There was no discussion regarding the item since it was discussed at the workshop meeting. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-05 amending Richmond Code, Chapter 32 “Traffic and Vehicles,” Article IV “Wrecker Services,” Division I “Generally” regulating the operation of wrecker services and vehicle impound lots; providing a repealer clause; providing for severability; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication and effective date; and containing other provisions relating to the subject. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion.

Agenda item A8, Review and take action on a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Darst-Yoder House located at 300 S. 9th Street for the year 2020. City Planner Jose Abraham stated the Historic Exemption is being recommended by staff. City Manager Vela stated this is an annual request the City receives from Mrs.

Johnston, the owner. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-06, partially exempting the Darst House from Taxation. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A9, Review and take action on a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Morton-McCloy House located at 402 N. 2nd Street for the year 2020. City Planner Jose Abraham stated the Historic Exemption is being recommended by staff. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07, Granting a partial exemption from taxation for the Morton-McCloy House. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A10, Review and take action on a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Peareson-Winston House located at 404 S. 9th Street for the year 2020. City Planner Jose Abraham stated the Historic Exemption is being recommended by staff. Commissioner BeMent made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-08 Granting a partial exemption from taxation for the Peareson-Winston House. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A11, Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting. City Manager Vela announced that Commissioner Beard was absent from the February 17, 2020 meeting due to the birth of his grandson at that time. Commissioner BeMent made the motion to approve the absence of Commissioner Beard with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The votes were all "ayes" to excuse including Mayor Moore.

Agenda item A12, Consider taking action on requests for future agenda items. There were no items suggested.

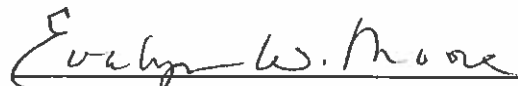
Agenda item A13 to adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.076 and 551.087, Consultation with Attorney, Deliberation regarding Real Property, Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and Economic Development Negotiations. The Mayor adjourned in to Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 6:19 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09 Extending the Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency for Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas Due to the Covid-19 Virus. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

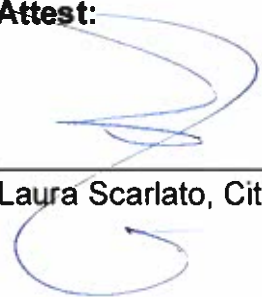
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W, Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary