



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on May 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. via video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the temporary suspension of various provisions thereof effective March 16, 2020, by the Governor of Texas in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, all as related to the Governor's proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. All members of the public may participate in the meeting via video conference call.

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 – Arrived at 4:37 p.m.
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Agenda item A2, Public Comments were opened and there were no citizens signed up to speak therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A3, Public Hearing on petition for annexation into City of Richmond city limits for an approximate 2.083 acres of Land (more or less) to be annexed into the city limits of the City of Richmond being a portion of the road right-of-way of Pitts Road (80 feet wide overall including a portion of a call 2.156 acre road widening – Fort Bend County Clerk's File No. 9509356 and including all of a call 0.206 acre road right-of-way – Fort Bend County Clerk's File No. 9237267), all being in the William Morton Survey, Abstract No. 62, Fort Bend County, Texas. No one was present to speak therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A4, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 326-2020, Memorandum of Understanding with Lamar Consolidated Independent School District to provide for reasonable communication and coordination efforts between the Richmond Police Department and LCISD Police Department. City Manager Terri Vela provided the background and stated that Chief Dallis Warren, Chief of Police for the LCISD Police Department was on the line and available to answer questions. It was stated this is a newly created department and is a different relationship than what the City had in the past with the school district. Commissioner Gaul stated that with the changes that had been made to the document from the morning, there was more clarification with the school and the language. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 326-2020, Memorandum of Understanding with Lamar Consolidated Independent School District to provide for reasonable communication and coordination efforts between the Richmond Police Department and LCISD Police Department. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A5, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-14, ratifying the Mayor's Fifth Amended and Restated Emergency Order in Response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. City Manager Vela stated a revised ordinance had been sent earlier in the day for review. There was no discussion regarding the item. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-14, ratifying the Mayor's amended and restated emergency order in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic and conforming the order to Governor Abbott's EO GA-21 signed on 05.11.2020; Providing for the termination of the order; Providing for a penalty; Providing for repeal; and containing other provisions relating to the subject. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6, Staff update on and discussion of parking requirements for multi-family developments. City Planner Jose Abraham provided the presentation to the Commission regarding the update on this item. The Commission discussed a request for reduced parking requirement for a proposed multi-family development at the April 20, 2020 regular meeting and several concerns were conveyed to the Planning Department. As a result, staff has researched the range of parking requirements in the surrounding areas. Two apartment complexes were evaluated within the ETJ as well as a multi-family property near Highway 90A and Tenth Street. The evaluation was performed by visiting the developments four times to get parking occupancy counts during weekdays and weekends. The results were provided to the Commission in great detail resulting in findings at the two existing multi-family development being as follows:

- Lower parking rate, parking vacancy rate in the 25 to 30% range.
- Parking vacancy recorded is despite assuming all garages to be occupied.
- No known parking complaints for the two developments due to overflow.
- Parking study did not include spaces allocated to leasing office.
- Occupied dwelling units include model units that do not generate parking.
- Occupancy is above 90% which is above observed peak rental occupancy.

Statistics were provided for the availability of vehicles within households living in multi-family development within Texas, Fort Bend County (various number of unit sizes) and a comparison of the jurisdictions in the region. The cities compared were Richmond, Fulshear, Missouri City, Sugar Land, Pearland, Stafford and Rosenberg with Rosenberg requiring the most parking spaces per unit. The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion with the Mayor stating the report was a very good report. Commissioner Drozd expressed his concerns with the data being trustworthy with the current quarantine situation and it not being a true picture. No action was taken on this item. The agenda item was closed.

The Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session at 5:17 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.087, Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:46 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

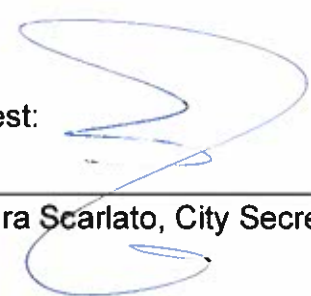
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary