



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on July 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:30 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
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

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

- a. Employee Recognition for Service with the City of Richmond -
 - Angela Griffin, 20 years of service, Police Department. A picture of Angela and her plaque will be taken at a later time.
- b. Presentation on the Annual Fine and Fee Collection Report by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott LLP. Michael Siwierka was present to provide an update on the collections for the City of Richmond. The firm cleared 65.85% of what was turned over to the agency. The zip codes were provided with the most outstanding fines being Richmond and Rosenberg. It was asked if at some point does a write off occur since the offenses date back to 1998. Mr. Siwierka stated that is a policy issue of the City of Richmond. Richmond is at the top of the list as far as being able to collect locally and falls in the middle statewide. The top offenders moneywise, reside in Missouri City and Sugar Land. Overall, the report and the City reflected positive results.
- c. Update on Wayside Horns/Quiet Zones. The presentation was given by Assistant City Manager Howard Christian providing the background of the quiet zones which began in 2017. The City has

received a bid to complete the project which has been separated into two so that the process can be moved forward. The contractor has indicated the median upgrades and supplemental safety measures, signage and barricades will be completed in 100 days. The second phase which is the wayside horns hopefully will be completed by the end of the year. The quiet zone project consists of the BNSF crossing at FM 1640 and the UP crossing at Collins Road.

Agenda item A3, Public Comments.

Samantha Rodgers ~ 5807 Chaste Court, Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Ms. Rodgers addressed the Commission requesting the Jaybird Monument be removed from the east side of City Hall. Ms. Rodgers spoke at the June 15, 2020 meeting during public comments as well. Ms. Rodgers stated the statue "glorifies white supremacy". The historical timeline was recited (with errors) to the Commission. Ms. Rodgers provided a definition of systemic racism.

Agenda item A4, Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request by HW 589 Holdings LLC (owner of the subject site) and the City of Richmond, to zone an approximate 116.78 acres of land, the former Fort Bend Country Club to MU, Mixed-use district and to the extent the zoning deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide for an amendment thereto. The subject site is located along the north side of FM 762 Road. It is abutting George Memorial Library and Fairway at Bellevue Apartments to the west, Ironwood Forest residential subdivision to the north, and Del Webb Residential subdivision to the east. No comments therefore the item was closed.

Mayor Moore inquired if there were any Consent Agenda items to be discussed for agenda item A5. There were no items pulled for discussion. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda item A5 in its entirety with Commissioner Gaul seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6, Present FY 2020-2021 Budget per Charter, Section 7.02. Commission shall name the date and place of a public hearing and shall have published in official newspaper no less than 10 days before - Set public hearing for Budget, Per Section 7.05 for September 7, 2020 at City Hall Annex, 600 Morton Street. Finance Director Justin Alderete presented the specifics of the budget in great detail. The citizens can expect no increase in the tax rate for the next FY and no increase in the water and sewer rates. The sales tax is expected to grow by 3%. The City is committed to continuing to maintain the existing service levels. There will be a focus on capital projects, maintaining assets and emergency preparedness. A fleet replacement fund will be established, which is new. Finance Director Alderete reviewed the highlights of the different major funds. Key dates were provided for workshops to receive feedback and the public hearing. There were no questions. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to schedule the public hearing for the FY 2020-2021 Budget on September 7, 2020 to be held at the City Hall Annex, 600 Morton Street.

- **PLEASE NOTE – Following agenda item A14, Commissioner BeMent made the motion to reconsider the Public Hearing date. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. Commissioner Gaul**

remade the motion to set the Public Hearing for Budget, Per Section 7.05 for September 8, 2020 at City Hall Annex, 600 Morton Street due to a conflict. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Agenda item A7, to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-19, Zoning an approximate 116.78 acres of land, the former Fort Bend Country Club to MU, Mixed-use district and to the extent the zoning deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide for an amendment thereto. The subject site is located along the north side of FM 762 Rd. It is abutting George Memorial Library and Fairway at Bellevue Apartments to the west, Ironwood Forest residential subdivision to the north, and Del Webb Residential subdivision to the east. Commissioner Beard stated *"I look at this with mixed emotions, the Fort Bend Country Club was a fixture in our community for a long time and now going forward, this is a chance to create a fixture for the future"*. There were no questions. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-19, Zoning an approximate 116.78 acres of land, the former Fort Bend Country Club to MU, Mixed Use district and to the extent the zoning deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide an amendment thereto. The subject site is located along the north side of FM 762 Rd. It is abutting George Memorial Library and Fairway at Bellevue Apartments to the west, Ironwood Forest residential subdivision to the north, and Del Webb Residential subdivision to the east. (Commissioner Drozd stated Multi-Use but it was corrected). Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A8, to review and consider taking action on a General Plan Amendment – Veranda – 705.2 +/- acres of land. The subject site is the Veranda Master Planned Community. City Planner Jose Abraham provided the background of the Development Agreement with HW 589 Holdings, LLC and the General Plan. It was stated the property was recently annexed into the City limits. Staff recommends approval of this final plat conditioned upon addressing the comments listed below: 1) Revise General Notes to reflect the accurate date of the annexation of Old Country Club tract and 2) Revise "Future Development" designation to indicate specific land use. The ordinance approved in agenda item A7 which approved the General Plan allocated Mixed-use to the northern most tract (16.5 acres). Commissioner BeMent confirmed this amendment has no impact to the Development Agreement. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the General Plan Amendment – Veranda – 705.2 +/- acres of land. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A9, Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary plat - Veranda at 762 – 64.4 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Block – 1 Reserve. The subject site is a section within Veranda Master Planned Community, located within the former Country Club

tract. City Planner Abraham provided the background for this plat and stated staff recommends approval with two conditions. There was no discussion and Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve the Preliminary plat - Veranda at 762 – 64.4 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Block – 1 Reserve. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A10, review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 332-2020, accepting four storm sewer easements from MHI Partnership LTD for the Mandola Farms development and authorizing the Mayor to execute the easements. There was no discussion regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 332-2020, accepting four storm sewer easements from MHI Partnership LTD for the Mandola Farms development and authorizing the Mayor to execute the easements. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A11, to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 333-2020, appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Board Members. City Manager Vela provided the background of the Board and stated the City received emails from the current members all with the expressed interest to continue to serve. The applications that were initially provided when nominated are in the file and can be provided upon request. There was no discussion. Mayor Moore made the following nominations:

Stephen Doggett	Position 2	Commission Ratification - Unanimous
Ralph Gonzales	Position 4	Commission Ratification - Unanimous
Harold Mathis	Position – Alternate	Commission Ratification - Unanimous
Michael Scherer	Position 3	Commission Ratification - Unanimous

Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 333-2020, appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Board Members. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A12, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 334-2020, appointment of Parks and Recreation Board Members. City Manager Vela stated she had received an email from Pat Pittman and a verbal confirmation from Barbara Johnson of their desire to continue to remain on the Board. There was no discussion. Mayor Moore made the following nominations:

Barbara Johnson	Position 4	Commission Ratification – Unanimous
Pat Pittman	Position 7	Commission Ratification - Unanimous

Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 334-2020, appointment of Parks and Recreation Board Members. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A13, to Review and consider taking action on awarding construction contract for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Quiet Zone authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with DVL Enterprises, LLC. Assistant City Manager Howard Christian provided the elements of the contract to

be considered. The City received one bid for the proposed quiet zone project. The work scope includes median construction or reconstruction at FM 1640 and Collins Road, installation of barricades, signage and pavement markings, and traffic control at all locations. The total base bid was \$92,143.50 which has been reduced from the initial bid due to mathematical error. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve construction contract for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Quiet Zone authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with DVL Enterprises, LLC including FM 1640 and Collins Road. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A14, to Review and consider taking action on the Resolution No. 336-2020, Central Fort Bend Chamber Contract between the City and the Development Corporation. City Manager Terri Vela provided the specifics of the contract with a renewal for three consecutive annual periods being the change from previous years. There was no discussion or questions. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Resolution No. 336-2020, Central Fort Bend Chamber Contract between the City and the Development Corporation. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A15, to Review, discuss updates and consider taking action on local orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with Executive Orders issued by Governor Abbott. City Manager Vela stated that the City expected an announcement on Friday, July 17th from Governor Abbott's office, however no declaration was made. The City is continuing to follow the local guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Fort Bend County. There were no questions or comments.

Agenda item A16, Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting. There were no excuses to approve, the agenda item was closed.

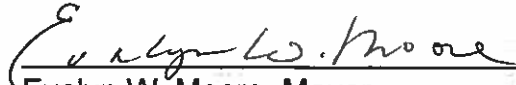
Agenda item A17, to consider taking action on requests for future agenda items. Commissioner Beard requested staff provide the Commission with the current guidelines for political signs. There were no other requests, the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A18 to adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, The Mayor adjourned into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 6:34 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

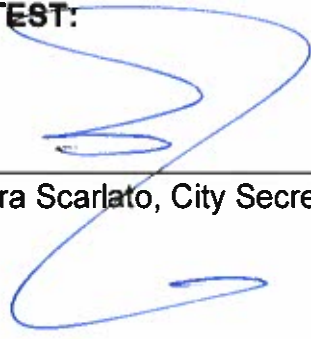
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W, Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary