



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on August 24, 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 -
 - Vladimir Golovine, 25 years of service, Police Department
 - Gregory Ross, 10 years of service, Building DepartmentThe plaques will be presented to the employees at a later time due to the teleconference meeting.
- b. Recognize receipt of the Outstanding Cross Connection Control Award for 2020.
- c. Recognize receipt of the Outstanding Water Systems Award for 2020.

A photograph of the individuals receiving the awards was provided to the Commission which included Assistant City Manager Howard Christian, Field Operation Superintendent Mike Moody, Field Operations Superintendent Clifton Holik and Utilities Coordinator Scott Fajkus.

- d. Atlantic Housing Foundation, Inc. Workforce Housing Presentation.

Kent Foster, Director of Development and Acquisitions addressed the Commission

Mr. Foster discussed the four following topics:

- Parking allocation – The project has adjusted the parking allocation to allow for a 10% overflow. They have more than compensated for the amended parking in the UDC code.
- Area drainage – They are aware of the drainage issues in the past and assured the City there will be no adverse effects once the project is completed regarding drainage.
- Real estate taxes/PILOT – The company is a 501C3 therefore they receive a 50% tax reduction. However, the City is guaranteed to receive \$50,000 a year from Atlantic Housing.
- Next steps – The City, George Foundation and Atlantic Housing are securing a Development Agreement which will need to be executed by all three parties. Execute PSA on the 15.5-acre site. Demonstrate Land Control. Secure a "no objection letter" from the TX Bond Review Board.

The entrance gate was discussed with the it being confirmed there will be two gates leading to Pultar and Collins Streets. The gates will remain closed except for high traffic times.

Agenda item A3, Public Comments.

Samantha Rodgers ~ 5807 Chaste Court, Rosenberg, Texas 77471
Philip Bartholomew – 2459 Hodges Bend Circle, Sugar Land, Texas 77479
Tres Davis – 2016 Haven Springs, Richmond, Texas 77469
Rose Pickens – 211 5th St., Rosenberg, Texas 77471
Barbara Jones – 2610 Little Lake Court, Richmond, Texas 77406
Rob Hodge – 809 Morton St. Apt #15, Richmond, Texas 77469
Andre Robinson – 601 Austin St. Richmond, Texas 77469

The individuals all spoke regarding the status of the Jaybird Monument. The results of the survey were presented at 62% for the combined relocated or destroy category and 38% for the modified or leave as is category. The comments all stressed to remove the statue from its current location due to the offensiveness as they view it is racist. One individual submitted a letter that City Manger Terri Vela wrote in support of modifying the monument to include the complete history. "Do the right thing", was the consensus among the speakers.

Agenda item A4, Mayor Moore inquired if there were any Consent Agenda items to be discussed for agenda item A4. There were no items pulled for discussion. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda item A4 in its entirety with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A5, to review and consider taking action on a replat – City of Richmond Morton Street Reserves – 1.646 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Blocks – 3 Reserves. The subject site can be described as a 1.646 acre of Land (Fort Bend County Clerk's File No. 2014013434) being a portion of Out Lot No. 15 of Randon's Addition to the Town of Richmond (Volume A, Page 484; Deed Records of Fort Bend County, Texas) and a portion of Lot No. 2, Section 2 of Borden's Lots Back of Richmond (Volume B, Page 758; Deed Records of Fort Bend County, Texas) including a portion of the original right-of-way of Union Street (30 feet wide, call 0.125 acre abandonment - Volume 481, Page 49; Deed Records of Fort Bend County, Texas), all being in the Jane H. Long Survey, Abstract No. 55 and in the John T. Edwards Survey, Abstract No. 23, Fort Bend County, Texas. The subject site is the old Thompson Clinic property, located north of the intersection of Morton St. and Union St. The item was presented by Jose Abraham, City Planner. The replat would combine all the existing lots to create three

reserves in one block and dedicates a 15' wide strip of land along Myrtle Street for Road right-of-way purposes. Commissioner Beard inquired as to how the City has comments for its own plat which Planner Abraham stated they are minor corrections that were inadvertently left off the plat. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve the replat as presented by Mayor Moore subject to the conditions listed under comments. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6, To review and consider taking action on a replat – City of Richmond Block 107 Replat – 0.961 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Blocks – 1 Reserve. The subject site can be described as being all of Block No. One-Hundred Seven (107), including Lot No. 1 through 14, inclusive, save and except a State of Texas call 0.051 acre tract of land for road right-of-way (Parcel No. 1 - Volume 458, Page 165; Deed Records of Fort Bend County, Texas), of the City of Richmond (subdivision plat recorded in Volume A, Page 62; Deed Records of Fort Bend County, Texas) in the William Morton Survey, Abstract No. 63, Fort Bend County, Texas. The subject site is the old fire station property located on the northeast corner of S 2nd Street and Hwy 90A intersection. The subject site is owned by the Development Corporation of Richmond and constitutes several lots from the Town of Richmond Plat. There were no questions. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the City of Richmond Block 107 Replat – 0.961 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Block – 1 Reserve. Commissioner Gaul seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7, to discuss practice and procedures related to election/campaign sign enforcement. City Planner Abraham provided the background for the agenda item with the Commission having requested staff to discuss and provide clarity. A discussion was led by the City Manager, Assistant City Manager along with representatives from the Building Department, Code Enforcement, and Planning Departments and their efforts were proactive. The goal is to provide consistency between the UDC, Texas Election Code, Fort Bend County, and TXDOT rights-of-way requirements. There are currently discrepancies between the size of the signs and the number of days the signs are permitted to be placed on property. There will be amendments provided to insure the consistency and efficiency of all regulatory agencies and its enforcement. Following a brief discussion, the agenda item was closed as no action was required.

Agenda item A8, Update on Integrated Utility Master Plan and Financial Plan. Assistant City Manager (ACM) Howard Christian provided the update to the Plan. The number of service connections has increased by 10% in the last two years. The Fort Bend Subsidence District (FBSD) will require the City to increase its alternative water capabilities from 30% to 60% by 2025. Regarding the Surface Water Plant Expansion, the City has secured the water rights for 2.0 MGD expansion which have been re-assigned to DOW Chemical until needed. The City also has 2.4 years' worth of water credits with the FBSD for a 60% conversion. There is a five-year capital improvements plan which includes the initiation of expansion when needed. The development of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was based on the needs of the existing infrastructure

and address our future development. The next years CIP includes plans for TCEQ permitting, acquire easements and design 0.75 MGD East WWTP. The costs of the project were provided with the breakdown of each item as requested by Commissioner Beard. ACM Christian stated doing this up front work would put the City ahead of the curve since permitting is an 18 month process as well as other items that are time consuming. It was stated when following the predicted trajectory at 75% you have to be planning for the next expansion and at 90% by 2026, we need to be under construction. City Manager Vela stated the City had received a two-year extension from 2013 compliance date. Once the City received that extension the FBSD indicated they would consider pushing back or reducing the amount of the increase based on a study. The City has not received a copy of the report that would determine the impact of study. There was a lengthy question and answer period with the item being closed with no action since it was a discussion item only.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A9, review and consider taking action on a Temporary Facility Use Agreement between the City, Development Corporation and Fort Bend County. The item was provided by City Manager Vela requesting input from the Commission as to whether the City would enter into an agreement with Fort Bend County and the Development Corporation of Richmond for the County to use the old fire station facility as a drive-through venue for COVID-19 testing. Commissioner Gaul requested the volume experienced at the current testing site which is the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds be provided. There would need to be a traffic plan to ensure the safety of the residents and also emergency vehicles traveling on 2nd street or Hwy 90. City Manager Vela stated the comments would be considered and an agreement would be provided for consideration in the future. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A10, Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting. There were no excuses to approve, the agenda item was closed

Agenda item A11, to consider taking action on requests for future agenda items. There were no suggestions, the agenda item was closed.

Adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation; Section 551.076, Security Devices or Security Audits; and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters. The Mayor adjourned into Executive Session at 5:46 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 7:19 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

Agenda C2. Discuss and consider taking action related to the obelisk located at the southeast corner of the City Hall property. Commissioner Gaul made the following motion, "I move that the mayor of the City of Richmond appoints an ad hoc committee with representation from the City, the County and the Fort Bend Historical Association, at a level commensurate with the significance of the issue related to the monument. This Committee will examine options for modifying and/or relocating the monument and

make a recommendation for approval by the Commission". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beard and the vote was unanimous to approve.


With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary