



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on September 21, 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 the Presentations:

- a. Employee Recognition for Service with the City of Richmond -
 - Troy Coffman, 15 years of service, Fire Department – Not present.
 - Kay Moss, 20 years of service, Fire Department – Not present.
 - Elizabeth Neal, 15 years of service, Police Department – Not present.
- b. Proclamations:
 - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, September 2020.
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2020.

The Mayor read both proclamations encouraging citizens to be more aware and to be checked regularly.

- c. Report on Comprehensive Plan Update. City Planner Jose Abraham provided a presentation which reviewed the background of the plan and the steps. A community survey was provided with 62 responses. Input from those responses were given with both positive and negative input. The City

will host listening sessions for community focus groups to obtain additional wants and needs from the citizens. City Planner Abraham stated that the process has been delayed due to CoVid but hopefully the updated plan will be completed by the end of 2020 or beginning of 2021. The goal is to maximize outreach and get a broad representation of the community.

d. CARES Act Funding Update. Financial Director Justin Alderete provided a presentation and reviewed the funding process with the county. Fort Bend County received \$134.26 million of which the City of Richmond was allocated \$661,815 equating to \$55 per person. The funding occurs on a reimbursement basis. Large projects are submitted to the county for reimbursement approval before the City spends the money. The various items and projects that are related to CoVid were reviewed with the Commission. One large endeavor is modifications to the Emergency Operations Center with updated technology, maintaining social distancing and a system that would notify staff where people are located. There was a lengthy discussion with questions and concerns.

Agenda item A3, Public Comments. There were no citizens signed up to speak therefore, the agenda item was closed.

Agenda A4, Public Hearing on proposed 2021 Tax Rate, per Section 26.05 of the Tax Code. To address the City Commission on the tax rate you must be present in person at the meeting. There were no citizens signed up to speak, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A5, Mayor Moore inquired if there were any Consent Agenda items to be discussed for agenda item A5. Commissioner Beard pulled agenda items A5. (7) and A5. (13). Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items A5. (1) – (6) and A5. (8) – (12) and A5. (14). Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A5. (7). Public Works Report. Commissioner Beard stated he would like to highlight the Street Overlay Projects that have been completed by the Street Department. There has been 13,000 feet of asphalt overlay has been applied with 11,000 feet being laid on the north side of Richmond. Commissioner Beard stated that working with the County resulted in a huge benefit to the City and hopefully we can work together in the future. Assistant City Manager Howard Christian assured the Commission he would pass along their positive comments to staff.

Agenda item A5. (13). Review and consider taking action on a Final plat and associated Site Development Plan – Veranda at 762 – 15.003 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Block – 1 Reserve. The subject site is proposed for a multi-family residential development and is a section within the Veranda Master Planned Community. City Planner Abraham provided additional information from the morning meeting. It was a very detailed presentation. There was a discussion with comments from Commissioner Beard and Commissioner Gaul. City Planner Abraham stated the applicant would be notified that although the Final plat is approved, it is not in final form.

Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve agenda items A5. (7). and A5. (13). Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-23, Adopting FY 2020-21 Budget for the City of Richmond. There was no discussion. The record vote is as follows:

Mayor Moore	<u>For</u>		
Commissioner Gaul	<u>For</u>	Commissioner Beard	<u>For</u>
Commissioner Drozd	<u>For</u>	Commissioner BeMent	<u>For</u>

Agenda item A7. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-24, Adopting Proposed 2020 Tax Rate. There was no discussion. Commissioner BeMent made the motion to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.687772, which is effectively a 3.38 percent increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The record vote is as follows:

Mayor Moore	<u>For</u>		
Commissioner Gaul	<u>For</u>	Commissioner Beard	<u>For</u>
Commissioner Drozd	<u>For</u>	Commissioner BeMent	<u>For</u>

Agenda item A8. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-25, Ratifying the Property Tax Rate reflected in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. There was no discussion. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 202-25, Ratifying the Property Tax Rate reflected on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Richmond and Providing and Effective Date. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The record vote is as follows:

Mayor Moore	<u>For</u>		
Commissioner Gaul	<u>For</u>	Commissioner Beard	<u>For</u>
Commissioner Drozd	<u>For</u>	Commissioner BeMent	<u>For</u>

Agenda item A9. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 337-2020, appointment of Board Members to the Building and Standards Commission. Mayor Moore nominated Elise Kaufman for Position 2. The vote was unanimous to approve. Mayor Moore nominated Albert Davis for Position 4. The vote was unanimous to approve. Mayor Moore nominated Damacio Sanchez for Alternate Position B. The vote was unanimous to approve. The board members will serve from September 30, 2020 until September 30, 2022. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A10. Review and consider Resolution 338-2020, Appointment of Board Members to the Richmond Historical Commission. Mayor Moore nominated Lonnie Meadows for Position 2. The vote was unanimous to approve. Mayor Moore nominated Carol Edwards for Position 4. The vote was unanimous to approve. The board members will serve from September 30, 2020 until September 30, 2023. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A11. Review and consider authorizing the City Manager to convey certain personal property, furniture, and fixtures to the Fort Bend History Association.


City Manager Vela requested the agenda item be tabled. Additional information will be provided at a future meeting. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A12. Excuse from Attendance. None.

Agenda item A13. Future Agenda Items. None.

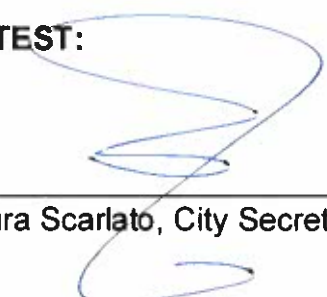
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary