



STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND  
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on January 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Haas 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:

Becky Haas, 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  
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, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 352-2020, an interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County on FM 762/10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement. City Manager Terri Vela addressed the Commission providing the changes to the Agreement reducing the compensation for 3<sup>rd</sup> street by the County from \$500,000 to \$250,000. City Manager Vela also welcomed County Commissioner Vincent Morales and County Engineer Stacy Slawinski to the meeting. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to reconsider the Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County on FM 762/10<sup>th</sup> Street improvement. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. There was a lengthy discussion with concerns about the completion of the project. Commissioner Morales indicated that the previous issue was funding and since

the mobility bond had passed, the project should move forward. He assured the Commission that he would support the completion of the project. It would provide economic impact to both the City and the County. County Engineer Slawinski provided the background of the project and the tasks that will need to happen to proceed. In meeting with the property owners years ago, they were onboard. However, it takes time to relocate the residents as well as determining clear ownership of the properties. Utilities would need to be relocated, right of way acquisitions. The Agreement allows the City to be involved with the design and to meet the requirements of the UDC. It was stated the only possible delay would be with the railroad. City Manager Vela stated the railroad is aware of the project and there have been discussions throughout the years. There was a discussion regarding Section 4 and 5 and the interpretation of the requirements in those sections. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 352-2020, an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County on FM 762/10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion.

Commissioner BeMent stated that most of his questions he had reserved for Executive Session. The Commissioner adjourned to Executive Session at 5:24 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m. with the following action being taken.

Commissioner Gaul made the motion to postpone any action on Resolution No. 352-2020 Interlocal Agreement until the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Commission. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion to postpone and the vote was unanimous.

Agenda item A4, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-31, abandoning and vacating a portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street upon a request from Fort Bend County contingent upon Fort Bend County approval of Interlocal Agreement on FM 762/10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement. City Manager Vela introduced James Knight, Director of Facilities Management and Planning for Fort Bend County to discuss the ordinance. Commissioner Beard expressed his concerns for previous projects in the City that were completed by the County. There was a brief discussion on this item. Commissioner Beard made the motion to postpone action on Ordinance No. 2020-31 until the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Commission with Commissioner Gaul seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

The City Manager, Mayor and Commissioners thanked the guests for attending the meeting.

Agenda item A5, Adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 441.071 and Section 551.072 Attorney Consultation and Deliberation regarding Real Property. The Commission did not adjourn for Executive Session since they had after Agenda item A3.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

APPROVED:



Rebecca K. Haas, Mayor

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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary