



STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND  
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on January 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Becky 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  
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager  
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Agenda item A1. Call to order, Quorum Determined and Meeting Declared Open.

Agenda item A2. Moment of Silence honoring Anthony Pryor, Emergency Management Coordinator. There was a moment of silence observed for Anthony Pryor. The Mayor read the obituary honoring Anthony for his service. Anthony passed away on January 3, 2021 at the age of 40.

Agenda item A3. Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request by Vincent Ramos (owner of the subject site) for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a convenience store with sale of limited fresh produce and grocery at the subject site located at 1117 Powell Street and to the extent the Conditional Use Permit deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide for an amendment thereto. – (Applicant has requested to temporarily hold the application). Mayor Haas stated the requester Vincent Ramos has asked for a temporary hold on the application. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A4. Public Comments. There were no citizens signed up to speak therefore, the agenda item was closed. **No comments.**

#### Agenda item A5. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items pulled for discussion. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items A5. 1-14. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

A5. 1. Minutes – Special, Regular and Workshop for the Regular City Commissioner Meeting and the Workshop held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

A5. 2. Fire Department Report

A5. 3. Police Department Report

A5. 4. Municipal Court Department Report

A5. 5. Tax Assessor/Collector Report

A5. 6. Monthly Financial Report

A5. 7. Public Works Report

A5. 8. Planning Department Report

A5. 9. Building Department Report

A5. 10. Code Enforcement Report

A5. 11. Emergency Management Report

A5. 12. Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary Plat – Lamar CISD Maxine Phelan Elementary School – 15.835 acres of land – 0 Lots – 1 Block – 1 Reserve. The subject site is a proposed school site within Veranda Master Planned Development.

A5. 13. Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary Plat – Mandola Farms Section Two – 25.0 acres of land – 109 Lots – 3 Blocks – 3 Reserves. The subject site is a section within Mandola Farms Residential Development located on the south side of U.S. Highway 90A, demarcated by Hennessey Road, Edgewood Drive, and Damon Street.

A5. 14. Set date for next meetings. (Regular City Commission Workshop and Meeting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.)

#### REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Haas stated that agenda items A9 and A11 would be postponed until the February Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Beard made the motion to postpone Agenda items A9 and A11 with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to postpone.

Mayor Haas requested that agenda items A12 and A13 be moved to the top for immediate discussion.

Agenda item A12. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 352-2020 approving Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County on FM 762/10<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement. Commissioner Gaul stated if the language had been added regarding acquiring right of way, he would support the agreement. There were no additional comments. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Resolution No. 352-2020 approving 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 to approve.

Agenda item A13. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2020-31 abandoning a portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Fort Bend County. There was no discussion. Commission Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-31 abandoning a portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Fort Bend County. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6. Review and discuss a policy related to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State flag and the Texas flag. Commission Gaul stated the language is ambiguous regarding the meetings for individual boards, committees and the Commission. City Attorney Smith forwarded a redline version of the revisions for their review. Commissioner Drozd requested the salute and retiring of colors be addressed. Commissioner BeMent stated he would prefer the pledges to be voluntary. Commissioner Beard requested clarity as to what the policy actually states. City Attorney Smith proposed there could be further discussion at the Workshop to discuss Rules of Commission. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A7. Review and discuss a policy related to an Invocation before the opening of City Commission meetings. Commissioner Drozd suggested that with the current society and the tremendous legislature regarding this item, the City might need table this proposed policy. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed with Commissioner Drozd. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A8. Review and consider taking action on a replat of Lots 19 & 20 of Block 2, Estates at Lakes of Williams Ranch Sec. 1 as recorded in Plat No. 20180168 of the Fort Bend County Plat Records as Estates at Lakes of Williams Ranch Sec. 1, Partial Replat No. 4 – 1.016 acres of land – 1 Block – 1 Lot – 0 Reserves. The subject site is part of Lakes of Williams Ranch Residential subdivision and is located at the northwestern corner of the Alexandra Way Circle cul-de-sac. There was no discussion. Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve the replat of Lots 19 & 20 of Block 2, Estates at Williams Lake Sec. 1 as recorded in Plat No. 20189168 of the Fort Bend County Plat Records as Estates at Lakes of Williams Ranch Sec. 1, Partial Replat No. 3 – 1.016 acres of land – 1 Block – 1 Lot – 0 Reserves with the condition that the comments be addressed regarding the MUD 116 and the pending tax payment. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A9. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 353-2021, approving and authorizing Amendment No. 5 to the Water Supply and Wastewater Services Contract with Fort Bend County MUD No. 140 to clarify the maximum authorized purchase rate per connection. See note above, item was postponed for further research.

Agenda item A10. Review and consider on awarding and authorizing a contract for the exterior renovations of the old fire station and the Myrtle Street facilities. Commissioner Gaul

reiterated his reservations about spending money on a facility when the future is unknown. Assistant Public Works Director Jim Whitehead indicated that the repairs are maintenance to the building that has needed to be done. Economic Development Director Jerry Jones expressed the City is committed to getting these two properties to be taxable entities. Also, it would reflect that the City is committed to keeping the historic downtown looking at its best since it is the gateway to Richmond. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to award and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the exterior renovations of the old fire station and the Myrtle Street facilities to Premier Worldwide, Inc. for a total of \$309,264. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A11. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 354-2021 approving and authorizing a temporary resale of raw water under the System Water Availability Agreement with Brazos River Authority. See note above, item was postponed for further research

Agenda item A14. Review and consider awarding and authorizing a contract for the installation of Wayside Horns. Assistant City Manager Christian stated this is the next phase of the contract. Although this has been a four-year long process, we are to the point where we can install the equipment. The median improvements and signage have been completed. Finance Director Alderete state the budgets for both Development Corporation and the City of Richmond have been approved and this amount was within the scope. Commissioner Beard made the motion to award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the installation of Wayside Horns to RioTech in the amount of \$298,724.60 with an estimated construction time of 180 days. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A15. Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting. None to approve.

Agenda item A16. Consider taking action on requests for future agenda items. Commissioner Gaul requested an update of the two properties on Thompson Hwy, YMCA building and the Richmond Bone and Joint Clinic. Commissioner Beard would like to discuss further the proposed City Hall. Develop a decision tree, proposed site and alternative funding source. Commissioner Drozd requested an update on street sweeping. Commissioner BeMent requested a presentation in the future of the Quarterly Investment Report and an update of the Cares Act Funding. Mayor Haas requested a discussion of the over 65 historical exemptions.

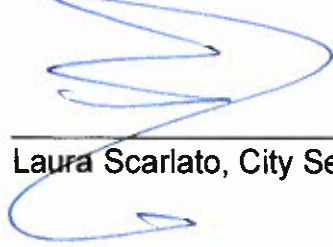
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

**APPROVED:**



Becky K. Haas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary