

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 12, 2010 at 4:30 P. M., with the following members present:

Hilmar G. Moore, Mayor  
Bill Dostal, Commissioner  
Gary Gillen, Commissioner

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 P. M. He introduced Father Howard Drabek of Sacred Heart Church. Fire Chief Stephen Noto and Police Chief Bill Whitworth presented Father Howard with appreciation awards for his service as Chaplain for the Fire and Police Departments.

The Commission presented an award to Glen Gilmore for twenty years of service with the City. They presented ten year service awards to Angela Griffin and William Norton.

Mayor Moore asked for any comments from the public. There were none.

The Commission reviewed the minutes for the June 21, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Gillen made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Dostal seconded and the vote was unanimous for approval. The monthly Fire Department report, the Police Department report, the Municipal Court report, the tax report and the financial report were reviewed by the Commission. Motions for approval were made, seconded, and all reports were unanimously approved. The next meeting date was set for 4:30 pm on August 16, 2010.

The Commission reviewed an application for a taxicab service in the City. Applicant Dr. Fesshaye Embaye answered several questions from the Commission about his drivers. He stated that his cab drivers were required to take driver safety courses and have at least three years of commercial driving experience. Background checks would be done and there could be no DWI on their record. Commissioner Dostal made a motion to approve the application, Commissioner Gillen seconded, motion carried and the vote was unanimous for approval of Texas Taxi to operate a taxicab service in the City.

The Commission reviewed the preliminary plat for C. S. Devito Commercial Reserve. Commissioner Dostal made a motion to approve the plat conditionally and Commissioner Gillen seconded. The Commission voted unanimously for conditional approval of the preliminary plat for C. S. Devito Commercial Reserve.

The Commission reviewed an inter-local agreement with Fort Bend Subsidence District to sponsor water conservation programs at Lamar and Fort Bend School Districts. Commissioner Gillen made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Dostal seconded, motion carried and the vote was unanimous for approval of the inter-local agreement with Fort Bend Subsidence District.

The Commission discussed nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Upon motion from Dostal, and second by Gillen, the vote was unanimous not to submit any nominations.

The Commission reviewed a request for a hardship permit to place a mobile home at 812 South Sixth Street. Commissioner Gillen made a motion to approve the permit, Commissioner Dostal seconded, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to approve the hardship permit for a mobile home at 812 South Sixth Street.

Mayor Moore introduced Ordinance No. 2010-10 declining to approve the change of rates requested by CenterPoint Energy. Upon motion of Commissioner Gillen, seconded by Commissioner Dostal, and carried by unanimous vote, Ordinance No. 2010-10 was passed and approved with a heading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND ("City") declining to approve the change in rates requested in the statement of intent filed with the City by CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC ("CenterPoint Houston") on June 30, 2010; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.

The Commission reviewed a contract with Kelly Kaluza and Associates, Inc. for engineering and surveying services for extension of water and sanitary sewer line to serve the Old South Property at FM 359 and Farmer Road. Commissioner Dostal made a motion to approve the contract, Commissioner Gillen seconded, and the vote was unanimous for approval.

The Commission reviewed a contract PerdueBrandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP for the collection of delinquent court fees and fines. Michael Siwierka, with the firm, spoke about the contract and explained there would be no cost to the City, with the exception of 15% on collections of cases prior to 2003. Mayor Moore introduced an ordinance authorizing the execution of a contract for professional services with the firm. Upon motion of Commissioner Dostal and second by Commissioner Gillen, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to approve the contract and to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2010-11 with a heading as follows:


AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PERDU BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT, LLP FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT COURT FEES AND FINES; PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, AND OTHER DEBTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE ATEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROVEDURE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session under Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code to discuss legal matters.

The Commission reconvened in open session. The action unanimously agreed upon was: Complete contract with City Manager Terri Vela.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Hilmar G. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

  
Mona Matak, City Secretary