



STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND  
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on March 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Haas proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:34 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  
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager  
Gary Smith, City Attorney  
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Agenda item A2, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2021-01, calling a general election to elect Positions 1 and 3 on May 1, 2021. City Manager Terri Vela stated the ordinance calls for a joint election with Fort Bend County who administers the election to be held for the two Commissioners on May 1, 2021. Commissioner Gaul is running for Position 1 and Commissioner Drozd for Position 3. There are two opponents for these positions. There was a brief discussion and then Commissioner Gaul made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01, calling a general election to elect Positions 1 and 3 on May 1, 2021. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A3, Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 356-2021, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Fort Bend County.

City Manager Vela stated the resolution is for an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County who for many years has administered the City of Richmond election. The voting locations may change but as of this day, these are the expected locations as listed. The County supplies the Election Clerks and all personnel needed. There was a brief discussion regarding the cost estimates. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 356-2021, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Fort Bend County. Commissioner BeMent seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A4, Review and discuss proposed legislation creating Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 251. Attorney Rich Muller, an attorney for the development team, Meristem provided introductions of the team and an overview of the project. Present were Scott Snodgrass, Founding Partner of The Edible Group, Clayton Garrett and Chad Rochester and the attorney partner Nancy Carter. The project is located on Harlem Road and Grand Parkway, just south of the T.C. Jester prison facility. There are approximately 240 acres with 80 of those falling in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Richmond. The developer is proposing 15 acres of commercial, 40 acres of farm, 60 acres of parks/open space and 800 single family homes. The goal is to provide a community that is walkable, has parks and provide for the diversity of the people that will ultimately live there. There will be a wide range of product type which some do not coincide with the City's Unified Development Code requirements. The developer feels the plans line up with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan and would very much like to work with the City and build a very livable community with high quality design and architecture. The property would be very much like the other developments the City has partnered with such as Johnson Development. Attorney Muller requested a no objection letter in order to submit legislative creation of a Municipal Utility District by March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It was stated it would in no way grant consent to create a MUD. There was a lengthy discussion involving the drawbacks of creating a MUD versus the benefits of annexing the property or expanding the ETJ. The Commissioners expressed their concerns of the creation as well as the length of time for review. There was no action on this item and the item was closed.

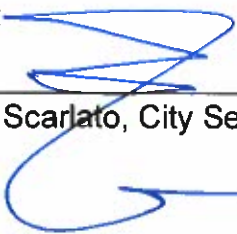
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVED:



Rebecca K. Haas, Mayor

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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary