



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special/Workshop Session on October 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Becky Haas proceeded to call the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was broadcast via video conference call. All members of the public may participate in the meeting and via video conference call.

A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Becky Haas, Mayor
Terry Gaul, Commissioner P1 - Absent
Barry Beard, Commissioner P2
Carl Drozd, Commissioner P3
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager "ACM"
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

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

Agenda item A6. Presentation and update on Grants applied for by the City. Commissioner Beard inquired the status of the grants. City Manager Vela and Finance Director Justin Alderete provided information. Commissioner Beard expressed his concerns if the City is applying for all of the grant opportunities that are available. It was stated that in the past, one individual could advise for an array of grants, that has changed to one grant administrator per grant application.

Mayor Becky Haas proceeded to open the Consent Agenda item A12 and request items to be pulled for conversation.

Agenda item A12. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Beard A12. (3) (4) (6) (7) (9) (10)
Commissioner Drozd – Nothing
Commissioner BeMent –A12. (11) (12)

- ❖ (3). Police Department Report.
Commissioner Beard complimented the Police Department on a job well done for National Night Out. The event was a refreshing opportunity to be able to meet with citizens. One consistent complaint was speeding.
- ❖ (4). Municipal Court Report.
Commissioner Beard inquired if there would be additional online Zoom offerings for court appearances since it appears they have better attendance. Court Administrator Carol Trujillo stated that the people that show up are the people that are going to take care of their business regardless. Municipal Court has printed stickers with information for the officers to adhere to the tickets.
- ❖ (6). Public Works Report.
Commissioner Beard asked where the three barbeque pits were installed by Public Works. ACM Howard Christian stated they were installed as replacements in George and Wessendorff Parks. Commissioner Beard expressed his concerns that the City is receiving the value for the amount of time that is spent at George Park. ACM Christian provided an update of the quiet zones. City Manager Terri Vela stated the Police Department is monitoring the number of trains stopping on the tracks and also why the trains are traveling so slow. There were questions asked as to why Code Enforcement was included in the Public Works Report. There were some comments about the new garbage service. Following a discussion of other issues, the agenda item was closed.
- ❖ (7). Planning Department Report.
Commissioner Beard had questions regarding 126 Collins St. and 610 Liberty St. which City Planner Jose Abraham provided input.
- ❖ (9). Code Enforcement Report. Assistant Building Official Scott Fajkus collaborated with Municipal Court in resolving the code violations. Commissioner Beard expressed appreciation to the Code Enforcement Department.
- ❖ (10). Emergency Management Report.
Commissioner Beard asked the timing of the activation of the EOC. The Emergency Management Director was not present to respond.
- ❖ (11). Final Plat – Preliminary Plat – Veranda Section Thirty-Five.
City Planner Abraham stated the subject site is located on the north side of Richmond Parkway and east of the Huntington senior living facility site. It was stated the 25% of the total number of lots to be non-traditional has been met.
- ❖ (12). Final Plat – Veranda Section Forty-One.
The same questions asked were related to A12. (11). There was no additional discussion.
- ❖ (13). Meeting Dates.
City Manager Vela requested a Special Meeting on November 1, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. There was a brief discussion.

REGULAR AGENDA

Agenda item A13. Review Ordinance No. 2021-23, annexing a 1.7709-acre tract of land owned by A-L 148 FM 762 Berry Pkwy, L.P.

City Planner Jose Abraham provided the background stating the tract is the commercial piece and does not include the Del Webb subdivision. The tract does not include the railroad section and the site has been built up to keep the flood insurance down. There is careful attention being paid to the drainage as to not flood neighboring properties.

Agenda item A14. Review Ordinance No. 2021-24, annexing a 45.135-acre tract of land owned by Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC.

City Manager Vela introduced the item providing the background and the property location being FM 2218 at Wall Street, south of Wal-Mart. The current zoning is for a business park on the Future Land Use Plan. The 1975 agreement with Rosenberg discussing the boundaries was mentioned.

Agenda item A15. Review proposed amendment to the Concept Plan for Harvest Green.

City Planner Abraham provided the background stating the portion in the (ETJ) Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Richmond is very small with the remaining acreage being in City of Houston ETJ and Fort Bend County. There was a brief discussion.

Agenda item A16. Review Preliminary Plat – Harvest Home Drive Street Dedication. No discussion.

Agenda item A17. Review Preliminary Plat – Harvest Home Section Forty-One.

City Planner Abraham explained the boundaries of the property and the small portion that is being reviewed. There was a discussion as to the possibility of annexation. City Manager Vela provided input as to the process that Sugar Land did with the annexation of Greatwood, Telfair and New Territory annexing the commercial piece first and then the residential once the debt was lower.

Agenda Item A18. Review Resolution No. 369-2021, Grant Administration for CDBG-MIT Grant.

No discussion.

Agenda Item A19. Review Resolution No. 370-2021, Adopt Investment Policy.

No discussion.

Agenda item A20. Review Resolution No. 371-2021, Adopt Investment Strategy.

No discussion.

Agenda item A21. Review Resolution No. 372-2021, Appoint Investment Officers.

City Manager Vela provided the three officers listed in the resolution.

Agenda item A22. Review Resolution No. 373-2021, Naming Investment Brokers.

Finance Director Alderete stated the (RFQ) Request for Qualifications was solicited with four responses being received.

Agenda item A23. Review Resolution No. 374-2021, Annexation of additional property into Fort Bend County MUD 116.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the capacity and annexations of MUD's. ACM Christian and City Manager Vela fielded the questions.

Agenda item A24. Review Resolution No. 375-2021, Development Agreement with 300 Acres. There were concerns expressed as to the number of variances requested, the use of the word "material" in the document, length of time to review, and the timing needs of the developer.

Agenda item A25. Review Proposed Holiday Schedule for 2022. City Manager Vela stated the only change was the addition of the holiday Juneteenth. There was no discussion.

Agenda item A26. Review Resolution No. 376-2021, Approve delaying the requirement of Pecan Grove Municipal to construct a sidewalk along Pitts Road. Commissioner Drozd suggested adding additional language to review again at a later date. City Manager Vela suggested the project will be reviewed every two years.

Agenda item A27. Review Resolution No. 377-2021, Texas Term Sheet for Opioid Settlement. City Manager Vela introduced the item and stated in order to receive the settlement funds, the City needs to provide a resolution. The percentage breakdown of the fund distribution was provided. The funds will be used for first responder training. Commissioner Beard suggested bringing OakBend Hospital into the process and working jointly.

Agenda item A28. Review Parks and Rec Board Recommendations. City Manager Vela reviewed the recommendations, partnering with LCISD to create a neighborhood park adjacent to Seguin Elementary. The other recommendation is to construct a soft surface trail along Rabb's Bayou from Golfview to Richmond Parkway. There was a lengthy discussion with ACM Christian and City Manager Vela responding.

Agenda item A29. Review Resolution No. 378-2021, HGAC Board Member Appointment for 2022.

It was stated Commissioner Beard is the current Board Member representing the City with Commissioner BeMent as the alternate.

Agenda item A30. Review Resolution No. 379-2021, Board of Ethics and Compliance Board Member Appointments.

City Manager Vela reviewed the process that the Commissioners had followed to arrive at the recommendations. Commissioner BeMent stated they placed an emphasis on providing continuity to the Board.

Agenda item A31. Review Monthly Financial Report and Quarterly Investment Report. Commissioner Beard had questions regarding the sales tax. Finance Director Alderete provided the information.

Agenda item A32. Review next steps for Comprehensive Master Plan.

City Manager Vela and City Planner Abraham provided the background as to the need for an amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan. It was stated the review was initiated in 2019 but the City took a pause during Covid. Staff would like to proceed with the process. There is a need due to changes that have occurred since the adoption of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The City is seeing rapid changes in various areas as well as changes in development packets. There are three components that must be included: Downtown Plan, Strategic Annexation Plan, and the Mobility Plan. Commissioner Beard indicated that everyone has a vision, and those visions are not the same as to where the City is going. It would be beneficial to have a "visioning" workshop or retreat to attempt to come together with a common vision.

Agenda item A33. Review Citizen Participation Plan.

Commissioner BeMent commented that the plan is a requirement which was responded that is correct in order to comply with the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program.

Agenda item A34. Review Risk Rating 2.0 and the next steps.

City Manager Vela requested direction in conjunction with the presentation that was given last month. Commissioner BeMent stated there is strength in numbers. Commissioner Beard stated the citizens of Richmond will not be impacted, only the citizens residing in the ETJ. Commissioner Drozd stated it is more of a matter of education to the public.

Agenda Item A35. Excuse from Attendance – No discussion.

Agenda item A36. Consider taking action on requests for future agenda items – No discussion.

Agenda items A37. Adjournment.

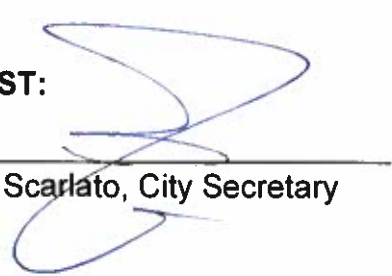
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

APPROVED:



Becky K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary