



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 November 15, 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
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 – joined at 9:10 a.m.

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

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

Agenda item A7. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Gaul - Nothing
Commissioner Beard A7. (2) (3) (7)
Commissioner Drozd – Nothing
Commissioner BeMent - Noting

- ❖ (2). Fire Department Report. Additional information was requested as to the report of calls by District.
- ❖ (3). Police Department Report. There was a discussion regarding the train stopping or traveling very slow at times and the notification to the City from Union Pacific.

Beat Report No. 10 reported complaints from citizens involving harassment in their neighborhood from a citizen. There was a discussion as to what can be done as far as enforcement.

- ❖ (7). Public Works Report. There was a discussion as to the tree removal process and the responsibility of removing dead trees.
The discussion regarding the railroad and the status of quiet zones and wayside horns.
- ❖ (10). Code Enforcement. There was a discussion regarding junk vehicles and the process of removal and fines. Chief Craig reviewed the process the Police Department follows when notifying property owners.

REGULAR AGENDA

Agenda item A8. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 381-2021, appointment of Board Members to the Development Corporation of Richmond.

City Manager Vela stated there have been four boards now completed, DCR, Parks and Recreation, Building and Standards and Ethics and Compliance. City Manager Vela stated that letters of congratulations have been sent, as well as notification of not being selected. There was a discussion regarding the Electrical Board and Construction Board and if the boards are still necessary.

Agenda item A9. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 382-2021, appointment of Board Members to the Parks and Recreation Board.

City Manager Vela stated an alternate position was being added and the term date was changed to July so as avoid having all the boards expire at the same time. City Attorney Smith stated he would email out a revised resolution. The alternate members are encouraged to attend the meetings but are not allowed to vote. There was a brief discussion.

Agenda item A10. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 385-2021, Fort Bend Central Appraisal District of Directors Election Ballot for 2021-2022.

It was noted the appraiser selects the candidates for the board. Five candidates were suggested for five places. It was stated that the process does not seem reasonable. The item was closed.

Agenda item A11. Review and discuss proposed Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 251.

City Manager Vela stated staff had met with the developer and additional information is being provided. There have been revisions to the plans and hopefully we can move forward. The developer is committed to acknowledging our concerns. There was a discussion regarding the mobility, sustainability with infrastructure, side streets, parking and trash.

Agenda item A12. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 383-2021, amending Resolution No. 365-2021 and restating conditional consent to the creation of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 251.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Development Agreement, Strategic Partnership Agreement and the changes due to prior discussions. It was requested the following be noted

in the minutes, "Developer Agrees to the Understanding" that if the City needs to work through additional details, the Developer will provide them. City Manager Vela stated a policy and planning need to be put into place.

Agenda Item A13. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 375-2021, approving a Development Agreement with 300 Acres LLC for land within the boundaries of the proposed Fort Bend County Municipal District No. 251.

There was a combined discussion with agenda item A12.

Agenda Item A14. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2021-26, adopting Depository Policy.

Commissioner Beard stated his main concern was to have an exit plan with the bank.

There was a brief discussion and the item was closed.

Agenda item A15. Review and consider taking action on first reading of Resolution No. 384-2021, to approve installation of a mural for Mercy Goods.

City Manager Vela stated that the Development Corporation of Richmond had approved the mural as well as the funding not to exceed \$11,500. The mural also needs approval from the Commission. There was a discussion as to who would maintain the mural and if there a policy in place for the maintenance. It was requested that a policy be developed for grant funding and guidelines for future requests for murals. City Manager Vela shared the concerns of the church and Executive Director Jones stated that before the funding is provided, all parties will understand the commitment.

Agenda item A16. Review and consider taking action on the Logo and Brand name for the Development Corporation of Richmond.

Executive Director Jerry Jones addressed the Commission stating he is currently working to refresh the brand. He would like to have it be more consistent with the City of Richmond logo.

There was a discussion whether the bridge will be removed. City Manager Vela stated that some component of the bridge will be moved to Wessendorff Park. There were several questions which were answered by City Manager Vela and Executive Director Jones.

Agenda item A17. Introduction of our Strategic Planning Facilitator, Lyle Sumek. City Manager Vela stated Mr. Sumek will be online at the 4:30 p.m. meeting to address the Commission.

Agenda item A18. Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting. Will be discussed at the 4:30 p.m. meeting.

Agenda item A19. Consider taking action on requests for future agenda items – No discussion.

Agenda items A20. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

Rebecca K. Haas

Becky K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary