



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Workshop Session on April 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Becky Haas proceeded to call the meeting to order at 9:07 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 – Via Zoom
Barry Beard, Commissioner P2
Carl Drozd, Commissioner P3
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4 – Arrived at 9:16
Terri Vela, City Manager
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager “ACM”
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

The Mayor proceeded to Skip Agenda items A1 – A5.

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

Agenda item A2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

Agenda item A3. Employee Recognition for Service with the City of Richmond:

- Trevor Adkisson – 15 Years – Fire Department.
- Proclamation – Mothers Against Drunk Driving Awareness

A4. Mayor, City Commissioners and City Staff Announcements per Sec. 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code.

Agenda item A5, Public Comments.

Agenda item A6, Consent Agenda.

Mayor Haas requested items to be pulled for discussion from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Beard pulled Agenda items A6. (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (9)

No other items were pulled.

A6. (2) Fire Department.

Commissioner Beard requested the costs to the City for providing services to the emergency calls in the county. City Manager Vela stated the report is a work in progress and will be provided within the next six months.

A6. (3) Police Department

Commissioner Beard inquired about the process of checking on citizens that are on registered sex offender list of which Chief Craig responded.

A6. (4) Municipal Court

Commissioner Beard stated the warrants appear to be down this month. Court Administrator Carol Trujillo addressed the Commission stating the recent Safe Harbor Day had been a success and also, staff has been sending text messages as reminders of due dates. Commissioner Beard stated he appreciated the creative ways of reducing the warrants. In response to the statistics reflecting less activity in 2021, Court Administrator Trujillo stated it is due to the text messages and explaining options prior to court dates. The increase in the judges' hours was due to the regional training which is shared each year with a different city that the judge represents.

A6. (5) Tax Assessor/Collector Report

Commissioner Beard inquired about the report trending downward over the years regarding collections. Finance Director Justin Alderete explained the report in further detail and stated that the trend is not a concern.

A6. (6) Public Works Report

Commissioner Beard requested a copy of the sludge disposal unit of measurement be reported consistently. Assistant City Manager Howard Christian explained the reason for the Regional WWTF reporting in cubic yards versus the South WWTF reporting in gallons. The report will remain as is.

A6. (7) Planning Report

Commissioner Beard requested a copy of the Development Agreement that was agreed to years ago that the proposed Circle Oak Master Planned development would be subject to.

Commissioner Beard requested that when reporting, FM 762, 11th Street and Thompson Highway be referred to consistently.

A6. (9) Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Beard commended the department for providing the before and after pictures of the properties where the cases have been closed.

Agenda item A7, Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary Plat and associated plat variance – Williams Ranch Business Park – 73.295 acres of land – 1 Block – 0 Lots – 4 Reserves. The subject site is located along the north side of Highway 59 and to the south of Williams Ranch and east of Del Webb residential subdivisions.

Mayor Haas made the announcement that the request is for a variance to the plat and that Fort Bend County has the same requirement. The questions will be limited to the variance and not the “what if’s”. City Manager Vela stated if additional information is needed prior to the meeting this afternoon from staff, it can be provided. An Executive Session this afternoon will be called if needed for consultation with Attorney.

Agenda item A8, Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary Plat – Indigo Section 1 – 108.6 acres of land – 13 Blocks – 243 Lots – 29 Reserves. The subject site is a section within a proposed Master Planned Community located between Harlem Road and Grand Parkway, south of Owens Road.

It was a general consensus that there were too many conditions listed on the plat that needed to be met. It was stated the applicant will be present this afternoon for questions.

Agenda item A9, Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary Plat – Kingdom Heights Section Seven – 72.080 acres of land – 6 Blocks – 159 Lots – 4 Reserves. The subject site is a section within the Kingdom Heights Master Planned Community located along the east side of FM 723.

There was a brief discussion regarding the minimum lot width of a non-rectangular lot.

Agenda item A10, Review and consider taking action on a Preliminary Plat – Wall Street Village – 45.131 acres of land – 4 Blocks – 151 Lots – 3 Reserves. The subject site is located at the southeastern portion of FM 2218 and Wall St. intersection, south of Walmart.

There was a brief discussion regarding the lots that are not in compliance.

Agenda item A11, Review and consider taking action on the Quarterly Financial Report and Quarterly Investment Report (copies are enclosed).

There was discussion regarding the sales tax revenue and the Development Corporation having exorbitant bank fees. City Manager Vela added the Hotel Occupancy Tax report was also included for review.

Agenda item A12, Review and consider taking action on authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for Depository Services.

City Manager Vela stated the City had advertised for RFQ's for Depository Services. Justin Alderete, Finance Director will provide the information at the afternoon meeting. There was a brief discussion.

Agenda items A13, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2022-03, amending Article IV of Chapter 22 "Nuisances" of the City Code to rename the Article and amend regulations of public nuisances related to trees, rubbish, weeds, drainage easements, and sewage.

The Commission stated that comments had been submitted to the City Attorney and they had been incorporated. The Ordinance is very close to where it needs to be.

Agenda item A14, Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2022-06, amending Chapter 6 "Animals" of the City Code to provide regulations relating to the care and control of animals including provisions related to community cats and dangerous dogs.

The Commission has provided comments and staff has been pulled in different directions as to what is being submitted. City Manager Vela stated that there are concerns that the requirements cannot be enforced. There was a brief discussion regarding the ordinance.

Agenda item A15, Review and consider taking action on authorizing the City Manger to execute a contract for the surface water transmission line.

There was concern as to the justification for the project at this time. Assistant City Manager Howard Christian provided the background for the need for the project. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the transmission line.

Agenda item A16, Review and discuss Parks and Recreation Board Report.

The Commission stated the report was appreciated and the work being done with the different leagues at George Park to effectively brand the City.

Agenda item A17, Excuse from Attendance at Regular City Commission Meeting.


No action

Agenda item A18, Consider taking action on request for future agenda items, next Commission meeting we will include a discussion on General Residential Zoning District and Warrant Reduction Program.

No action

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED:



Becky K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary