



City of Richmond

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Special Scheduled City Commission Workshop

600 Morton Street

Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

A1. Call to Order, Quorum Determined, Meeting Declared Open



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- A2. Public comments (Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per item. No Deliberations with the Commission. Time may not be given to another speaker.)



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A3. Discuss Fire Protection.

1) Background

- a) At the request of the City Commission staff conducted a Financial Analysis to determine if City Residents were subsidizing fire protection service
- b) Historical Fire Protection Agreement
 - Fixed Amount
 1. \$350,000 per year
- c) Exponential population Growth in County

2) Fixed Amount not adjusted over time, consider adjustment to current density Commercial/Residential

3) Options

- a) Renegotiate current amount based on an authenticated equity split
- b) Charge outside City/non-contract residents for fire protection
- c) Start a feasibility study to determine what an appropriate fee for Fire and/or Police protection
 - Reduce fire coverage area to include areas only inside the city ETJ or expected future ETJ
 - Assess Fee on County Buildings for Fire and/or Police Protection

4) Factors for consideration

- How would the decision impact "Mutual Aid"
- What impact would the decision have on future annexation or fire protection contracts already in place
- Might it be divisive or cause collateral damage?
- Is it consistent with what other cities would or might do?
- Does it appear to be a "Demand"? (Example, Rosenberg letter to residents outside city limits to pay a monthly fee for fire protection)
- Might it create tension when critical needs are expected?

5) Staff Recommendation:

Option (a) Renegotiate current amount based on an authenticated equity split.

Terri Vela

From: Justin Alderete
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Terri Vela
Subject: Fire Protection Update
Attachments: Equity Budget Distribution.xlsx

Terri,

In preparation for the fire protection update, I've prepared some additional analysis which I hope will be useful. As the conversation has evolved over the last year, we've gone from discussing the contracts and parity rates to whether or not the County is paying its fair share.

As we've evolved the conversation, I'd offer a different perspective from which the question posed could be answered. What if we reframe this to a narrower context, rather than looking at the parity rate necessary to achieve full-cost of service? The narrower context would then reframe the fair share question from parity, to equity in remaining costs between the City and County. This will allow us to take out the "noise" of the whole area's data and just focus on core division of the remaining costs for fire protection. In this view, it's not a full-cost of service approach, and everyone won't achieve equity, but the City and the County can split the remaining portion of costs equitably.

The attached workbook is a very simple way to look at the budget relative to the costs that might be split between the County and the City, which would allow for an equity split.

Thanks,

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- A4. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 441-2023, authorizing negotiations with Fort Bend County for fire protection services.



City of Richmond Resolution No. 441-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH FORT BEND COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF FORT BEND COUNTY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Interlocal Agreements, the City has provided fire protection services to portions of the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County.

The compensation paid to the City by Fort Bend County for such services has been reduced.

The City has determined that such compensation is not sufficient to fairly reimburse the City for providing such fire protection services to those portions of the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County.

The City Commission finds that it is in the public interest of the citizens of Richmond that the City be fairly compensated for providing fire protection services within portions of the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. The Richmond City Commission hereby directs the City Manager, on or before January __, 2023, to seek to begin good faith negotiations with Fort Bend County for fair compensation of the City for the provision of fire protection services to portions of the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the City Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of January, 2023.

APPROVED;

Rebecca K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary



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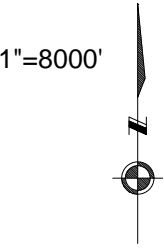
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- A5. Review and consider taking action on authorizing City Manager to negotiate and execute purchase of a lift station site.





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- A6. Adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; 551.074, Personnel Matters; and 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A) (Open Meetings Law), "The City Commission may meet in a Closed Executive Meeting pursuant to provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, V.T.C.A. in accordance with the authority contained in the following sections;" 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Incentives.

- E1. Executive Session for Consultation with Attorney.
 - 1. Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection with Fort Bend County.
 - 2. Real Estate Acquisition.

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OPEN MEETING

- C1. Reconvene in open session and take action on item.
- C2. Adjournment.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Agenda, the Commission shall determine that an executive session of the Commission, should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Agenda, then such executive session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Agenda concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.090 of the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, Section 551.071 – for purpose of consultation with attorney, on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

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