



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on August 22, 2023, at 4:30 p.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
Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary

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

- Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

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

Agenda item A3. 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.)

- None

Agenda item A4. Discuss and accept the Truth in Taxation Worksheets that coordinate with the FY2023 Certified Tax Roll.

- Finance Director Preza presented the Truth in Taxation Worksheet. As part of the annual property tax procedure the Truth in Taxation Worksheet is finalized after the completion of the Certified Roll by the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor. The finance team independently finalized the Truth in Taxation Worksheet and collaborated with the Tax Assessor to arrive at identical tax rates.
- Commissioner Gaul moved to accept the Truth in Taxation Worksheets. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda item A5. Review and discuss FY 2023-24 Annual Budget Workshop to discuss Tax Rate and amendments to the Development Corporation of Richmond.

- The FY24 Proposed Budget was presented, and Finance Director Preza discussed the specifics of the presentation. Staff recommends no change in the tax rate. The proposed

rate is 0.66000, which is the current rate. The City Commission's members gave feedback so that staff could present a budget at the next meeting.

- Additional discussion on FTE for the Economic Development Coordinator position. The General Fund would receive a transfer of funds from the DCR to cover the cost of the position if the City Commission approved the budget amendment.

Agenda item A6. Review and record vote on notice to publish tax rate.

- Commissioner Drozd made the following motion: In accordance with Section 26.06 of the Texas Tax Code "Notice, Hearing, and Vote on Tax Increase", I move that the maximum tax rate published be set at \$0.66 and the public hearing on the tax rate be set for September 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM, at 600 Morton Street. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion.
- Extensive discussion on matters related to setting the maximum tax rate.
- Commissioner Drozd proceeded to restate the following motion: In accordance with Section 26.06 of the Texas Tax Code "Notice, Hearing, and Vote on Tax Increase", I move that the maximum tax rate published be set at \$0.66 and the public hearing on the tax rate be set for September 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM, at 600 Morton Street.
- The Commission Members voted and are as follows:

Mayor Haas- Nay
Commissioner Gaul- Nay
Commissioner Beard- Aye
Commissioner Drozd- Aye
Commissioner BeMent- Aye
Motion passes 3-1

Agenda item A7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Becky Haas, Mayor